

Update on industrial action on campus, 11-12 May

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Dear students,

I'm writing to let you know that on Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May, some National Tertiary Education (NTEU) members will be participating in a 48-hour strike. The University will continue to operate throughout any industrial action, and we are working to minimise any disruption to classes. We are doing all we can to ensure our campus remains a welcoming place to be over these two days.

We will do our best to let you know of any changes to classes in advance. Staff who take strike action are not required to notify the University in advance, however, so this may not always be possible.

Most classes will proceed as normal and some classes may be moved to online delivery. If your lecturer or tutor takes strike action, some classes may need to be rescheduled or cancelled. Where classes are running, their normal attendance policies apply. Students who wish not to attend class or complete assessments on these dates should notify their unit of study coordinator as soon as possible in the usual way. Where possible, students will not be disadvantaged.

While I'm disappointed that the NTEU has chosen to take industrial action, I recognise the rights of NTEU members to participate. As always, I support the right of our staff and students to express their views in a legal and safe way.

The University is committed to negotiating with staff unions in an open and respectful dialogue. My view is that we'll get the best result for our staff through continuing with our good-faith negotiations at the bargaining table.

As arrangements in individual units of study may differ, please keep an eye on Canvas and your University email account for notifications about any impacts to classes. You can also get the latest information on our website.

Regards,

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Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor

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