

Letter to Parents of Students Studying Degree Courses at Curtin Sydney

Dear parents of Curtin Sydney students,

Today we advised our students at the Curtin University Sydney campus of some important news about the campus.

Although Curtin University has successfully operated a campus in Sydney since 2005, it is now embarking on a new strategic direction. After reviewing its international education strategy, Curtin University has concluded that maintaining a campus in Sydney does not fully align with its focus and global positioning goals. Accordingly, today Curtin announced its decision to close its campus in Sydney in early 2017.

Although Curtin's decision will require changes for some of our students, we expect that many students will not be affected.

If your son or daughter is due to complete their course by the end of October 2016, he or she will still be able to complete their studies at the Curtin Sydney campus.

If your son or daughter is due to complete their studies after this time, or is just about to start their course, we have a number of carefully considered options to ensure that they can still complete their course, or an equivalent course, in the same length of time and at no greater cost.

We have arranged for general information sessions to be held for students on Thursday 17 September and Friday 18 September 2015 to hear more information about this change. Students may bring a relative or friend with them if they wish. You may wish to speak to your son or daughter about whether they would like to have someone attend with them. No student will be asked or expected to make any decisions at this point.

Next week (starting 21st September 2015) we will begin individual meetings with students to advise them of whether or not they could be affected and how they will be supported to complete their studies. The students will be given advice and support, and we will encourage them to discuss their options with you before making any decisions.

There will be no impact on students until 2016 at the earliest. We are encouraging the students to focus on their studies and to keep doing the best they can to achieve their educational goals.

Further information about the transition options available has been given to each student through the student online portal, and regular updates and FAQ's will be continue to be posted on this portal for students. Students will also be contacted through the portal to suggest times for advisory sessions to discuss individual circumstances.

In the meantime, if you have any immediate questions about this email, the Curtin Sydney Pro Vice-Chancellor, Associate Professor Stephanie Fryer Smith will be able to assist. She can be contacted on this dedicated email address for Sydney students:
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Yours sincerely,
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