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## UPDATED INFORMATION FOR STUDY & ACCOMODATION

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Good afternoon,

You will have by now hopefully received and read the communication from Charlie Phillips sent earlier today providing some details regarding our planned return to on-campus study. As is the case throughout the country our plans are of course dictated by the course of action chosen by the government be we certainly want to be well prepared to move forward at the earliest, safe opportunity.

With this in mind, we wanted to provide some further insights into key information that may impact your over the coming weeks.



**Alert Levels:** The plan detailed in this morning's email is dependent upon the government announcing the predicted move from Alert Level 3 to Alert Level 2 on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> May. If the situation is such that this does not happen and the move to level 2 is delayed, we to have the capacity to simultaneously slide our plan out. As most of the nation are, we will keep abreast of the daily stats and news as key indicators of how the county is placed to move out of lockdown.



**Online Classroom Delivery:** There is a high level of planning and organisation involved with the delivery on online teaching and as a result this will not come to an abrupt stop with the move to level 2. Classes will continue as scheduled for a further week – until the 19<sup>th</sup> May. As always, we continue to ask that you are fully engaged and onboard with your online classroom to enable a smooth transition to learning on campus & support is available to help you when needed.



**Mid-Term Recess:** In order to enable your safe arrival into Queenstown if you are not already here, we have scheduled a mid-term recess which will begin on the 20<sup>th</sup> May once online classes have wrapped up. We appreciate that flights will need to be booked, trips planned and packing completed. The expectation is that all students are in a position to be settled in Queenstown before the start of on-campus teaching on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. People are still encouraged to limit non-essential travel at level 2 however relocating to your tertiary study provider is acceptable. The domestic airlines, Air NZ & Jet Star continue to have periods of travel unavailable, but bookings should become more available as information regarding the alert levels becomes apparent. Both airlines are also offering varying degrees of flexibility with scheduled bookings.



**Accommodation:** Both QRC Lodge and Shotover Lodge have been open throughout the lockdown period for those residents who were unable to return home or who chose to remain as part of that 'bubble'. The lodges will be open to all residents when Alert Level 2 comes into effect & you will be able to move into your allocated rooms. The rent relief packages implemented for all residents to date have been extended through until the last day of Alert Level 3 (as directed by the government announcement on 11<sup>th</sup> May) at which time rent will resume as per normal schedule. A form will be sent through on which you are able to indicate your arrival dates back into the lodges. Please keep an eye out for this and

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return it as soon as you have travel plans in place. Remember, as a full-time student who is continuing with their course of study you are entitled to all the normal Studylink payments.

📍 **Orientation:** We are currently working on plans to ensure you are well settled once you arrive into Queenstown. Specific arrival dates into the lodge will not be set as we understand the logistics behind making travel plans at this time may be considerable. Prior to the start of on-campus learning and during the first few days we will run several activities to on-board you in person to the QRC community. We will need to be mindful of the limits still in force around social gatherings but do not imagine the limit of 100 people impacting our plans. Please note, we do not anticipate hosting a welcome function with parents/ whanau etc on campus however they are of course more than welcome to accompany you down to Queenstown and help you settle in.

⊕ **Be Prepared:** It is very important that the QRC community continues to play their part and take responsibility for our wider health and wellbeing. The weather is certainly getting cooler and seasonal flu is present in the community. It will be important to retain the good hygiene practices we have become accustomed to and there will be a continued need for social distancing. QRC staff will help to facilitate this but it will also require a commitment by the student body. If you are feeling unwell it is important to remove yourself from your peer group at the first sign of symptoms & practice self-isolation until your condition has been assessed.

It is also important to sleep well, eat well and find a daily balance between work and play.

🧠 **Keeping Positive:** The impact this disruptive time has had on tertiary student is widespread. Your plans have been upended and frustration and anxiety are very real outcomes. Remember the change is out of your control so you therefore have to accept it and embrace the future as it stands however you're not alone in this and you don't need to cope on your own. Talk to your friends and family members to help you cope. You can get more help and also information from:

- Student services here at QRC
- your GP or local community health centre
- Youthline [0800 376 633](tel:0800376633) [www.youthline.co.nz](http://www.youthline.co.nz)
- [Need To Talk](#) by calling or texting [1737](tel:1737)

Updates to the above will be sent as soon as we are in a position to do so but until then, please do not hesitate to be in touch with any questions or concerns.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lynsey Bullock'.

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