



UNIVERSITY COLLEGES
AUSTRALIA

THE IDEA OF A COLLEGE ONLINE DISCUSSION FORUMS

When a multitude of people, keen, open-hearted, sympathetic, and observant come together and freely mix with each other, they are sure to learn one from another, even if there be no one to teach them; the conversation of all is a series of lectures to each, and they gain for themselves new ideas and views, fresh matter of thought, and distinct principles for judging and acting, day by day.

Adapted from John Henry Newman, *The Idea of a University*



As Heads of College, we are flag wavers for the value of collegiate living for our students. We know the learning they receive from peer lead questioning, exploring and thinking are crucial in their personal and professional growth.

Do we take the same approach to our own professional learning? Do we have the same opportunities to learn from OUR peers as we offer to our students?

Harnessing the great strength of our profession – collegiality - UCA is now offering you an avenue for continued development and connection.

Join us in a series of facilitated, informal monthly discussions on a range of topics to support your professional needs.



The Series for 2020

Sessions will run via ZOOM at 2pm on the second Tuesday of the month (excluding September). Extra sessions will be offered based on demand and on a case by case basis.

9 JUNE

IDEAS FOR BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT IN A POST COVID 19 WORLD

COVID 19 has challenged us in ways we never expected. For many, our College's long-term survival will require a recalibration of our traditional business models and product offerings. By sharing our ideas we'll be not only shoring up our individual Colleges' viability but also strengthening the College model across Australia.

Facilitator: Ms Joanna Rosewell, Principal, Jane Franklin Hall, Hobart and Secretary UCA

14 JULY

OFFERING A COLLEGIATE EXPERIENCE ONLINE

Though the pandemic necessitated the closure of the St Andrews College campus and suspension of all in-person programs, the College ran a diverse suite of online programs designed to challenge, engage, support and enliven the spirits of students. In this gathering, we'll explore the opportunity for online engagement activities in colleges in the post-COVID context.

Facilitators: Mr Wayne Erickson, Principal, St Andrews College, University of Sydney and Vice-President UCA; Mr Will Cesta, Director of Education and Student Life, St Andrews College, University of Sydney



11 AUGUST

GRADUATING FROM COVID-19: SUPPORTING GRADUATE STUDENTS IN THEIR RENEWAL OF COMMUNITY, COURSEWORK AND RESEARCH

Postgraduate students in residence, many of whom are from overseas, have experienced a range of disruptive and challenging issues as a result of the impact of COVID-19 changes and restrictions. These have included such things as the loss of part-time and casual employment; the transition to on-line courses, often with the experience of not being able to pick up nuances and meaning from physical class, seminar and tutorial interactions; the closing of laboratories and cancellation of fieldwork; the restrictions on close and supportive gatherings with friends and colleagues – the camaraderie of college; difficulties in purchasing food and essential items; feelings of being unwelcome and yet unable to leave; and the stress and anxiety of care and concern for family and friends at home. Of course, there have also been creative and innovative ways of on-line academic and social engagement, a number of which could continue well beyond the COVID crisis.

This will be an opportunity to share our experiences of support and care for postgraduate students at this time, and also perhaps to be joined by some students to contribute their thoughts and ideas.

Facilitator: Dr Ian Walker, Head, Toad Hall, Australian National University and Executive Committee Member, UCA

TOPICS FOR THE 13 OCTOBER AND 11 NOVEMBER ARE TO BE CONFIRMED. WE'LL ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE LOCK THE DATES INTO YOUR CALENDAR



The Logistics

- To give as many people as possible a voice, each session is limited to 15 people. If the session is oversubscribed, we'll run another one on the same topic. We'll also take notes and distribute them.
- Each discussion will be facilitated.
- Sessions will run even if only one person signs up.
- To register for a session, please email UCA Executive Officer, Deb Pugh at:
executiveofficer@universitycollegesaustralia.edu.au
- Deb will then email you the ZOOM log in details.
- On the day, grab a cup of tea, log in and join your colleagues talking about the conversation of the day. No need to prepare, just shut your office door and enjoy some PD time for yourself, connecting with your colleagues all around the country.

