



Tuesday 17 March 2020

Dear STAV Individual and School Member,

We hope that you and your loved ones are well and that in your workplaces, you are managing the challenges faced by the wider education sector at this time.

STAV is continuing to monitor the Covid-19 pandemic and is implementing proactive measures to ensure the safety and well-being of its employees, volunteers, visitors, community members and conference delegates.

STAV Office

The STAV Office continues to operate as per normal. We will advise you of any changes. The office will be closed over the Easter break from Tuesday 9 April to Monday 13 April inclusive. We are currently experiencing slight delays in the distribution of membership cards, LFO and LabTalk. Otherwise, it is business as usual for STAV.

Normal office hours apply.

For all main enquiries, please contact Natalija at admin@stav.vic.edu.au, Anne at stav@stav.vic.edu.au, and Violet at payments@stav.vic.edu.au.

Student Activities

The proposed STAV Deep Blue Student Summit has been postponed until further notice. **Science Talent Search** is unaffected and we encourage you to continue completing registrations at your earliest opportunity. For all STS enquiries, please contact Science Talent Search Coordinator, Janice Teng at sts@stav.vic.edu.au

Registrations can be completed online: <http://www.sciencevictoria.com.au/sts/reglnf.html>

Teacher Professional Learning

At this stage the Covid-19 outbreak has not influenced the operation of STAV and Science Victoria events and conferences coming up in 2020. Our conferences lie within the government threshold of 500 and will proceed until further notice. Upcoming events include:

- VCE Psychology workshop, Friday 22 May: The small scale of the VCE Psychology Workshop does not warrant cancellation at this stage but we are seeking constant advice on the matter and will keep you updated.
<http://www.sciencevictoria.com.au/otherPD.html>
- STAV Lab Tech Conference, Friday 5 June 2020
- STAV Science Leaders' Conference, Friday 12 June 2020

STAV Publishing Trial Exams

There will be some disruptions with orders including deliveries being fulfilled by STAV Publishing. We are still accepting orders; however please be aware that delays may occur in receiving your Trial Exam Papers by the expected date listed on the order form.
<http://www.sciencevictoria.com.au/stavpublishing/trialExams.html>

STAV continues to implement strategies outlined by the Government, Chief Medical Officer and Department of Education and Training regarding Covid-19. We are acting on advice and updates from the Victorian Government to plan for and respond to the likely impact on our events, as well as in the support of our members:

We will keep you updated on changes to the status of STAV events and activities, including postponements.

With best wishes,

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Other links of interest:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/schooladministration/notices/2020/Pages/39.aspx>

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/letter-from-the-chief-medical-officer-regarding-coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/website-news/coronavirus-and-australian-workplace-laws>

<https://theconversation.com/global/topics/coronavirus-5830>

<https://www.newscientist.com/podcasts/>

<https://en.unesco.org/themes/education-emergencies/coronavirus-school-closures/solutions>