

Student NewsFeed 20 April 2020
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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSFEED

Welcome back after Easter and our Non-Teaching Period. Most units are now beginning Week 6

Stirling Theological College is in full online learning mode for the remainder of semester one.

We would love for you to join us in whole-community devotions on Zoom this Wednesday morning at 9am (22nd April). Lynette Leach, College Board Chair and esteemed leader within Churches of Christ, will be leading the devotion time. Next Tuesday morning at 9am (28th April) we will be led by Stephen Curkpatrick, lecturer in Christian thought and history.

To join the devotion, click here

You may be prompted to log in to ARK. You will then arrive in the Academic Skills hub; scroll down to find the 'Whole Community Devotions' section. The link will only become visible five minutes before devotion starts (so don't worry if it doesn't work before then).

ANNOUNCING STIRLING WINTER SCHOOL ONLINE!

We are thrilled to offer Winter School Online (May 11 to August 7), featuring world-class online education, interactive video lectures, self-paced online study options, and opportunities to build new relationships with lecturers and other students. Our online units offer an ideal pathway for you to grow in your faith, ministry skills, and biblical understandings.

Study for a University award: Choose to study for academic credit as part of your University of Divinity award (standard unit fees apply). You can do stand-alone units for credit into an award of your choice.

Choose the professional development (audit) option: Now is a great time to join these classes for professional and personal development. We call this "auditing" and it's our way of supporting those who want to grow in their faith and ministry skills. Many of us have more time on our hands at the moment. Auditing is a wonderful opportunity to try quality Christian studies without the pressure of assessments. Many who do this love their experience so much they then enrol in an award! We are offering a special reduced price of only \$180 per unit this year.

See our website for more information on Winter School Online. Feel free to share this information with your networks.

University's Response to Coronavirus

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY

Click here to read the University of Divinity's response to and resources for this season.

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY LIBRARIES

The UD libraries have constructed a range of resources available to students. Click here to explore them. If you have questions, contact Stirling librarian Antonella at library@stirling.edu.au

If you are a HDR (Higher Degree Research) student - that is, if you are writing a minor or major thesis - you will be receiving further information on special library services available to you soon.

FROM THE STIRLING LIBRARY

The following is a link to an initiative called the National Emergency Library https://archive.org/details/nationalemergencylibrary

It's US based but is available internationally. The site provides access to resources that are not available electronically anywhere else, as it includes books scanned from hardcopies which were not originally published as e-books. The subject area covered is wide, but it provides you with another source of electronic resources. You will need to create your own account but it is free to use.



COMMUNITY

PRINCIPAL'S DEVOTION - Graham Hill's latest video and podcast is 'Episode 4: Repent Together'. Click here to view it.

WEEKLY REFLECTION - Read the latest Stirling community reflection: 'Social change, literature and the Bible: A reflection from a small room' by Angela Sawyer (Stirling's Dean of Students and Lecturer in Old Testament).

COMMUNITY DEVOTION - See announcements above.

STUDENT SUPPORT - We aim to provide you with a wealth of resources for studying at this time, along with connection and encouragement. If you are feeling uncertain regarding any aspect of your study, please reach out. Contact your lecturers - they understand that we are all navigating uncertain times. You can also contact our admin team via admin@stirling.edu.au or our Dean of Students, Angela Sawyer via asawyer@stirling.edu.au. We are here to work with you toward positive outcomes.

Our campus buildings are closed but our college and hearts are open!



RESOURCES FOR ONLINE STUDY

Many of you will be submitting assignments in coming weeks. We use a platform called 'Turnitin' (turn it in). The Stirling Academic Skills site offers video tutorials on a range of topics.



Click here to view the video on submitting assignments using Turnitin.



Click here to view the video on accessing your marks and feedback on Turnitin.

The feedback you receive on assignments is key to developing your skills. It is important to pay close attention to this, and, if you are unsure or have questions - feel free to ask your lecturer. They are there to help and are happy when students show interest in learning and improving!

NAME CHANGE: TAMS becomes PARADIGM

The online enrolment platform TAMS is now called PARADIGM. There are no other changes to the system.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

How are you finding online study?

Send brief thoughts, reflections or observations to Sarah Bacaller (sbacaller@stirling.edu.au) to share with other students, and these may be featured here in the Stirling student newsletter.



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OPPORTUNITIES

The Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS) is looking for university students who will graduate this year or in the last two years, to be part of our 2021 Graduate Development Program.

The DSS Graduate Development Program offers a rewarding and challenging career, in an inclusive, diverse and professional work environment.

Applications for the DSS Graduate Development Program are open and close 3 May 2020. For more information, or to apply, visit www.dss.gov.au/graduates.

In appreciation: John Morrison

John Morrison - alumni and tireless volunteer of the library at Stirling - passed away earlier this year.

John was a student of the College, but also spent many hours volunteering in the library over many years, until he became too ill to continue. It was always nice to see his enthusiastic smiling face and he was constantly thinking of how he could help with his enthusiastic smiling face and he was constantly thinking of how he could help with his enthusiastic smiling face...

Antonella (Stirling Librarian)

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