



LET'S GO! - 14TH APRIL

**CHECKLIST and other
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Today marks DAY19 of the LOCKDOWN - quite apt then, that on the 19th day that Covid-19 has kept us at home, we reconnect you to your academic journey using VCLearn as our platform!

Part I: The IIE's Varsity College has always been about **Activity-Based Learning** - moving your learning journey online will not change this. Please watch the really great clip that we have put together that sets out our #NewWorldThinking approach to teaching & learning during this time.

Our online engagement is going to be in the form of **Q&A** using the **Discussion Board** tool in VCLearn. These sessions will be facilitated and supported by your lecturers and enriched by your peers. Beyond these discussion boards, your lecturer will also have short engagements with you using live Collab sessions on VCLearn. **Part II** of this document unpacks how it all works and how you can access these Q&A sessions to play your part.

Part III: Please work through the **checklist provided** on **page 3** and make a note of anything that you feel needs more clarification or that you might need some help with - remember, there are plenty of people standing by to lend a hand if you need it.



PART I: MAKING THE LEAP TO ONLINE LEARNING

Moving teaching and learning into an online space is not about simply uploading a whole heap of notes and slides, or resorting to presenting *lectures behind glass* - instead it requires an entirely new approach - and this takes careful and deliberate planning.

Can online learning be challenging? Does it require extra effort? Yes, and yes - but everything that has been put in place to guide you through your course content over the following weeks has been done with **YOU**, our student, in mind.

Watch this informative clip that has been created to clearly explain what you can expect as you make the leap to online learning!

[CLICK HERE](#)



Part II: Q&A DISCUSSION FORUMS

Regular online engagement is really KEY to your success as a student - your lecturers will create the necessary space for you and your fellow classmates to communicate, share, question and collaborate - but **it is really up to you** to make the most out of these Q&A sessions and live Collab touch-points that will be run over the coming weeks.

First, let's watch a short 1.33min clip that shows you exactly how to access these Q&A sessions - simply **[CLICK HERE](#)** to view.

Part III: CHECKLIST:

1. Can you locate your lecturer's contact details?
[Make a note of their email address so that you can contact them when you need to]
2. Can you see the Announcement section in your module?
[Lecturers will use this to update you on certain information - check in regularly]
3. Do you have your login details written down somewhere and have you set up your password?
4. Can you access VCLearn using your login credentials?
5. Are you able to find your modules on your dashboard - and are these correct?
6. Do you have all your study material ready and available?
7. Have you downloaded the VCLearn (Blackboard) App?
8. Have you applied for data support via VC Assist (closing date: 17th April)



! If ANY of these questions don't make sense to you - or you have answered **NO** to any of these questions - please log a ticket with VC Assist straight away so that we can get you the support you need.