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Careers and Transition  
Education Association NZ Inc.

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Welcome back to school for what will be a very different looking Term 2. We are all going through an experience that is unprecedented in our lifetimes. On behalf of Exec, I extend our thoughts and support to all members as you realign your ways of working and living. The purpose of this letter is to address two matters which will be relevant to all of you.

1. Conference 2020 in Christchurch has been postponed until 2021.

There is so much uncertainty about all logistics for the remainder of 2020. This makes it very difficult to plan any replacement event. The Executive team is considering all options, mindful that it may be impossible and inappropriate to even attempt to replace our November conference. Please allow us time to work through this. I will communicate with you when we have made some decisions.

We had to postpone Christchurch because we were informed that the venue, Christchurch Convention Centre, Te Pae, will not be ready for 2020 as construction is on hold during the COVID-19 lockdown. Given the ongoing uncertainty around the pandemic, we thought it best to make a decision early, so that those affected can plan accordingly. We apologise for any inconvenience or disappointment this causes.

We plan to hold our 2021 Conference, at Christchurch Convention Centre, Te Pae from Wednesday 24 November to Friday 26 November 2021.

All delegates who have registered will receive cancellation information directly from our event management company.

2. Advocacy for our members and students.

Education is going to look very different for quite some time but our members also face additional challenges. We have large numbers of students who are dependent on placements with employers or STP providers. Our students complete individual programmes that are often third-party provided. This means that many of our students could be severely impacted by the national pandemic response and our members will have to manage this. While we look to the Ministry of Education, TEC, school boards and principals to lead in this area, we will advocate for our students and you.

Please communicate any suggestions or concerns to your Exec member and look for communications from us via them, our (soon to be new) website and our Facebook page.

Stay safe.

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President