The Vice-Chancellor has requested the following emergency statement to be read to all students by permanent and sessional teaching staff at the start of all lectures, classes and tutorials during the first week of semester.

“Before starting our session today, RMIT wishes to make you aware of the Emergency Procedures that are in place for your safety. Please look around and familiarize yourself with the emergency exits in this room and to this for each new venue in which you attend classes. Evacuation plans are located in all corridors.

In the unlikely event of an evacuation, a "beep, beep" tone will sound. On this alert signal you should prepare yourself to evacuate the building.

If the “whoop, whoop” tone sounds, please evacuate in an orderly fashion to the assembly area indicated on the evacuation plans located in the foyer of this building. Do not use lifts when evacuating the building.

Please also obey any instructions provided by fire wardens in attendance, by RMIT Security or by emergency services. At the end of the evacuation, you will be advised when it is safe to return to the building.

RMIT thanks you for your cooperation”.

In addition to the above Statement, students should adjust their chair for Occupational Health and Safety reasons and for comfort, each time they sit down to a session, as well as to remember to take regular, short breaks from working at a computer. STOP, STAND and STRETCH, during your session!

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