

Sample Script (From Deakon University)

Hi, I am Dr... and I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome you to this unit. I have been teaching at Deakin University since ..., and I always look forward to the beginning of a new trimester.

Regardless of how well you have, or have not done, in previous trimesters, every trimester and every unit within a trimester may seem like a new one. In fact, it provides a fresh start. As great as it sounds, sometimes newness can be a little intimidating. You have to learn new topic from a new lecturer in a new format and so on.

I want you to know that you are not alone in this journey. I am here and I am available to support your learning. My contact details (/and the contact details of the members of the teaching team) is/are available in this unit site. You can also find information about the unit, including unit learning outcomes, and learning and assessment activities in this unit site.

You'll find that one of the best things you can do when you have a problem with your study is seek help. If you were in a face-to-face classroom, you would undoubtedly raise your hand. You should do the same here and I encourage you to use discussion topics that I have created to seek clarification. You may find other students have asked the same question, so check for previous responses to save time.

Lastly, I know that there are a lot of choices today when it comes to education. Those choices may include other courses, a different school and even a different university. Your choices led you here and I want to thank you for that. Working together, we can have a great trimester. I know I am looking forward to it and I hope you are too.

Note: the script is free of dates and times so that it can be reused. For example, contact details refer back to the subject site so that they can be changed in the future.