

3 June 2024

Dear members of the encampment,

I wrote to you on 16 May 2024 and 24 May 2024, following the unauthorised demonstration that took place on the evening of 15 May 2024, and the events that have subsequently occurred at the Mile End campus.

In my previous correspondence I explained that, whilst the University encourages the lawful exercise by staff and students of their right to freedom of expression, authorisation to set up an encampment on campus had not been obtained from the University in accordance with the relevant code, and following the demonstration at campus on 15 May 2024 which: (i) resulted in criminal damage to University property; (ii) put the health and safety of our communities at risk; and (iii) potentially amounted to a public order offence, the University required the encampment to be dispersed with immediate effect.

The Principal wrote to you on 22 May 2024 in similar terms.

Despite the requests made in previous correspondence, the encampment has not been voluntarily dispersed, I now write to you to make it clear that:

1. Any implied permission, licence or consent to enter onto or remain on the University's property, for the purposes of carrying out the ongoing protest, is hereby withdrawn.
2. The continued presence of the encampment on the University's property amounts to a trespass.
3. The University requires that the encampment be dispersed forthwith.

If the encampment is not immediately dispersed, the University will have no option but to take legal action to secure possession of the campus.

Yours sincerely,



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cc. Office of the Principal