



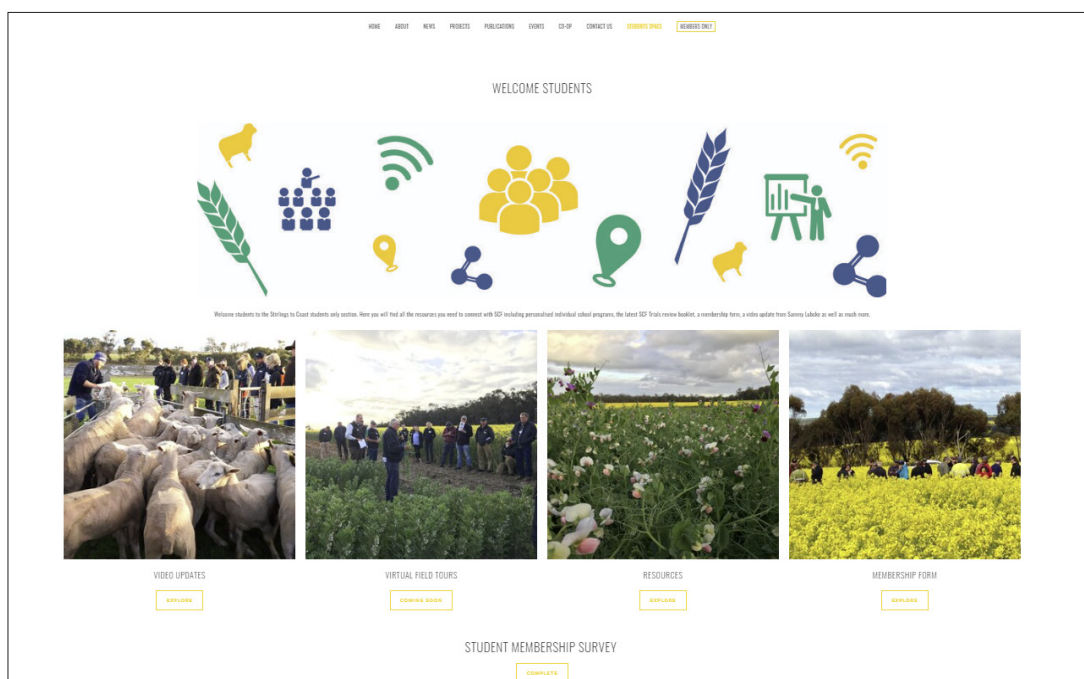
Student Connect Program 2020 – managing in a COVID-19 environment

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Creating connections between farmers and agriculture students through sustainable farming innovation demonstrations, lectures, and mentoring.

Well this year has thrown us a bit of a curve ball with Covid 19 forcing schools to close for a while and we wondered how the Student Connect project could continue. However, resourceful teachers out did themselves by providing online options for students to continue their studies. While students have now returned to school, most have a no visitors policy making presentations and field exercises with the students a little tricky! They say “necessity is the mother of invention” with platforms such as Zoom and Webex taking off. These platforms have become the new norm for face to face teaching and even staff meetings. With all these new options available, SCF will continue to deliver the Student Connect Program to the best of our ability.

Most of the content can be adapted to be delivered in a different way. For example, we have recently converted the welcome packs into an online format so teachers can deliver them during class time or even to students who remain at home. We plan on pre-recording some educational short videos and presentations that can then be presented to students. Hopefully towards the end of the year or even sooner, some restrictions may be eased to allow face to face presentations and small events to be held with the students. We can all look forward to that.



The newly establish student connect area on the SCF website; allowing SCF to connect and provide resources remotely to the students, teachers and schools within the program.