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*“ I had to find a format that would be appropriate for the final exam. ”*

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When the Monash University Peninsula campus was closed in 2020 due to COVID-19, lecturer Gerrie Roberts knew that finding an alternative format to deliver the final exam for her *Business Data Modelling* class would be a challenge. Gerrie needed to be able to “deliver the exam completely online and needed to be able to validate automatic marking post-exam”.

Not only did *MyLab Math* provide the right format for online exam delivery, it also enabled Gerrie to create weekly, online pre-class and post-class homework that helped her track student engagement more closely.

#### **How did Pearson help overcome this challenge?**

##### **85% of online assessment delivered through MyLab**

For Gerrie, the greatest benefit of using MyLab was its suitability for online assessment, including the final exam (50%), the mid-semester test (10%), and weekly pre-class Preparation tasks (10%) and post-class Mastery tasks (15%).

##### **Automatic post-exam marking validated in MyLab**

With *MyLab Math*, Gerrie could manually check the tolerance on every question and adjust where necessary, as well as being able to locate the exact data presented to students for algorithmic questions in *MyLab Math Gradebook*.

##### **Weekly pre-class homework tied to eBook readings**

The Instructors Tips functionality was used to link the eBook to the questions used in the 10% pre-class Preparation tasks.

##### **The Study Plan served as one of the primary modes of study for students**

Time spent in this part of the platform increased throughout the semester, reaching up to 14 hours for some students during the SWOT Vac (Study Without Teaching Vacation) period.

##### **What was the result?**

The average performance for Gerrie’s Business Data Modelling class was close to 80% for the weekly homework tasks and mid-semester test combined, as well as almost 80% in the final exam.

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