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Dear Parents/Guardians

Catholic schools have a long tradition of offering school fee relief and assistance to families facing financial difficulties. St Joseph's College keeps fees as affordable as possible, but we know many families will be facing serious financial difficulties during this challenging time.

We are looking at ways to expand on the substantial fee relief arrangements already in place, to ease the financial strain on families, and to determine appropriate measures to best support the needs of families across the community.

We saw recently through the bushfire season and ongoing drought, that some families are more affected than others, so we need to ensure that the right support and assistance goes to where it is most needed.

We are acutely aware of the hardships being experienced right across the community and are doing all we can to facilitate the ongoing education of all students. If families are affected by job losses, business closures or other impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, I urge them to speak to me as quickly as possible, to receive immediate relief and determine the level of assistance needed.

We appreciate how difficult it is for parents to come forward with financial concerns, but we will ensure each case is handled with care and discretion. We understand that many families are already under great pressure and strain, and we do not want them to be further burdened by school fee payments.

Remote learning for second term has necessitated changes to our infrastructure with a need to implement additional resources to support the effective delivery of the program.

We will continue to monitor and respond to the impact on our families and the college. We are firmly of the view that no child should miss out on a Catholic education because of financial stress; this includes families seeking enrolment for their children for the 2021 school year.

Yours sincerely



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Business Manager