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Dear Parents and Carers

## Re: Important Update about College Fees

As a school community, we are facing an unprecedented situation. The current coronavirus pandemic is an international challenge which continues to unfold each day. Whilst the College has been active in managing the changes to your child's educational program, I am also conscious that this is impacting parents in many other ways as well.

I wanted to provide you with an update on our approach to school fees for 2020.

Firstly, I am aware that many parents will have lost significant employment or business income due to coronavirus. The school's immediate priority is to provide as much stability as possible for your child and with this in mind we are committed to providing fast, flexible and confidential financial assistance to support you with managing your school fee commitments for 2020.

We have prepared a streamlined financial assistance application process and the College will endeavour to provide you with support, subject to our internal assessment criteria. I commit to advising you promptly of our response to facilitate your planning.

Our position as a Catholic school, and as a Mercy school, is very clear - no child will be denied ongoing enrolment due to inability to pay. We are committed to working with our families throughout this complex time.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Business Manager, James Bennett, via email <u>jbennett@cmc.vic.edu.au</u> should you need to discuss your individual situation.

Yours sincerely

Mr Brian Turner

Principal