



## **CATHOLIC EDUCATION TASMANIA OFFERS SUPPORT TO PARENTS FINANCIALLY IMPACTED BY COVID-19**

Catholic Education Tasmania is offering support to parents financially impacted by Coronavirus, who may be experiencing difficulty paying school fees.

Executive Director of Catholic Education in Tasmania Dr Gerard Gaskin, reassured parents experiencing financial hardship that their child's enrolment is safe.

"Your child is an important part of our community. An inability to pay fees at this time will not compromise your child's place at our schools. We will work with you to find a solution to what will hopefully be a temporary financial hardship," Dr Gaskin said.

Catholic Education Tasmania's *Fee Assistance Policy* forms the basis of a response to affected families. A condensed Fee assistance application form is available to parents and guardians allowing them to provide an explanation of their current circumstances and the assistance they feel they need at this time. Senior Catholic Education finance staff will assess each application subject to criteria.

"I am aware that many families will have unfortunately lost employment or business income due to Coronavirus. Catholic Education Tasmania is committed to providing fast, flexible and confidential financial assistance to support families with managing school fee commitments for 2020."

Dr Gaskin said Catholic Education Tasmania did not intend to reduce staff numbers or the salaries paid to Catholic education staff, due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

"We are incurring significant expenses to manage Coronavirus related issues and I am also anticipating a significant reduction in our budgeted fee income as a result of the additional support we will be providing to families at this time.

"I would appeal to families whose employment situation and income earning capacity has not been affected by COVID-19 to continue to pay school fees as this will greatly assist the school to continue to operate and pay salaries and other costs through this time of instability.



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“Where levies have been paid by families for programs that will no longer be delivered, these fees will be refunded in full.”

Dr Gaskin thanked Catholic Education Tasmania teachers and staff who are committed to continue working and supporting students and families through the complex months ahead.

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