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Dear Parents/Carers

Information for parents regarding payment of fees

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

Catholic Education Tasmania has a Fee Assistance Policy available via the Catholic Education Tasmania website that will form the basis of our response to affected families.

The policy provides that "No student will be refused enrolment, be excluded, or be disadvantaged because of an inability (as opposed to an unwillingness) on the part of the parents/guardians to meet financial requirements."

The objective of this policy is to ensure that "fee remissions are granted appropriately and consistently so they support those with genuine financial hardship".

To assist us to provide support to families, a condensed fee assistance application form has been designed to allow you to provide an explanation of your current circumstances and the assistance you feel you need at this time. The form can be accessed by contacting, Kerrie Loveluck Business Manager – 03 6216 7918 / kerrie.loveluck@mountcarmel.tas.edu.au

Our staff are continuing to support your family with your child's education. You and your child are an important part of our community. An inability to pay fees at this time will not compromise their place at our school. We will work with you to find a solution to what will hopefully be a temporary financial hardship.

Please be assured that we are committed to working with all of our families through this very complex time.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Nolan Principal