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Dear Parents / Carers

The College has received some questions in regard to school fees, and the College has also been in contact with many families who are experiencing hardship because of the impact of COVID -19. These families have been provided with a fee reduction claim form, and processes have been put in place to assist these families in need during this time. This process is still available for any of our families who require assistance. Please contact the College if you are experiencing any problems with your fees, either Mrs Kerrie Loveluck (Business Manager) or Mrs Fiona Nolan (Principal).

The expenses of the school year are largely locked in by the start of the academic year, and the school is incurring significant additional expenses to manage coronavirus related issues such as increased photocopying, sanitisation and online learning. The College will also see a reduction in its income, attributed to school fees and the reduced capacity for some parents to pay. Our staff are continuing to support your family with your child's education, even though the method of curriculum delivery has changed. Messages of support for the teachers in their efforts to support your children have been warmly received. Working together as a community to minimise the risks is of utmost importance at this difficult time.

In the attached media statement the Executive Director of Catholic Education Tasmania, Dr Gerard Gaskin states "Where levies have been paid by families for programs that will no longer be delivered, these fees will be refunded in full." The College has already refunded bus fees for Term 2. We will now begin the process to look at what things we cannot deliver, such as camps, sporting activities, end of year dinners and excursions. These amounts will be rebated at the end of the year when we will have a more realistic representation of what we have not been able to provide.

The College Board will meet on Tuesday 19 May to consider this issue, and it is anticipated that more information will be available to you after this meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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