

4 August 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

UPDATE REGARDING PARENT BILLING AND FEE CONCESSIONS

In May, Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst offered financial assistance to families experiencing financial hardship due to the Covid19 pandemic.

JOB SEEKER CONCESSION

Those families who due to Covid19 received the *Job Seeker payment plus the Covid19 supplement* from Centrelink were assisted with a Fee Waiver of the 2020 School Fee and Capital Works Levy. No further fees will be charged for 2020 to these families and a refund option was provided for the 2020 Fees paid.

The 2020 Job Seeker Concession will continue to be available for those families who receive the *Job Seeker payment plus the Covid19 supplement* from Centrelink. Going forward this concession will be managed by the school. If a parent/carer has not applied already for this concession and is receiving Job Seeker plus the Covid19 supplement we urge you to apply to your school for a Fee Waiver for 2020.

SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT DEFERRAL

A school fee payment deferral option was also provided to help families through this time. For those parents/carers who chose this option no account payments were required for 4 months until 31st July 2020. There has been no following up of outstanding fees for this period. From 3rd August 2020 schools will recommence sending accounts and following up outstanding debt.

It is important for families to apply for a concession with the school if they are experiencing financial hardship and are therefore not able to recommence payment of fees. Our long-standing principle remains that we provide an affordable, quality Catholic education for all.

We encourage those parents who are experiencing financial hardship of any kind to apply for fee concessions particularly those experiencing the ongoing effects of the drought.

Please do not hesitate to discuss with your school principal the concessions available.

Yours sincerely



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