



Dear Parents and Guardians

Important Update about College fees

I am writing to provide you with an update on our immediate approach to school fees for 2020.

The impact of this pandemic has been far reaching. The social and economic consequences are unlike anything we have seen before. Be assured that as a Marist Family we walk in solidarity during this crisis. We continue to support each in collaboration so that we may ease the burdens we all face.

I am aware that some parents will have lost employment or business income due to the impact of COVID-19 coronavirus. The College intends to provide as much stability as possible and is committed to providing flexible and confidential financial assistance. This will aid you in managing your school fee commitments for the remainder of 2020.

Our Finance Department staff have a financial assistance process that includes a staged system of support. This process is for those who have been directly impacted by recent events, so that they might defer their fee payments while assessing their financial position.

Please contact the College Finance Team fees@newman.wa.edu.au should you need to discuss your individual situation and the measures outlined above. We appreciate that this will feel uncomfortable for some but urge you to make contact. This will allow the College to provide support where possible. The discussion will also assist with the College's financial modelling going forward.

Like you, we are attempting to manage this new reality as quickly and effectively as possible during a time of great uncertainty. We encourage families to access all the supports available to you and seek to be part of this network of support the College affords.

The Federal Government has provided some practical new advice for those who have been adversely affected by this crisis. I have included this information on the next page. It confirms who to contact for support to your businesses, as well as how to seek additional support for your family.

If there is anything else that the College may be able to assist you with, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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PRINCIPAL

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Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash
Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business
Senator for Western Australia

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UPDATE

**QUICK LINKS TO GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES AND HOUSEHOLDS
IMPACTED BY COVID-19**

The Government is acting to cushion the blow from the coronavirus for businesses and households to help them get through to the other side of the crisis as the world deals with the significant challenges posed by its spread.

Set out below are the quick links to the measures available to small and medium businesses, sole traders and households under the \$189 billion economic support package announced by the Prime Minister:

Business.gov.au support line: 13 28 46

Small or medium business with reduced cash flow?

[Here's what we're doing to boost your cash flow.](#)

Is your business financially distressed?

[This is what we're doing to support you.](#)

Assisting the economic recovery

[Here's how we'll support you to grow.](#)

Employ an apprentice or trainee?

[This support is for you.](#)

Are you a sole trader that has lost business?

[This is what we're doing to support you and your business.](#)

Household finances hit by reduced work?

[Here's what we're doing to help support your family budget.](#)

[Payments to support households.](#)

For more information on Coronavirus and the Government's response, please visit:

www.treasury.gov.au/coronavirus or www.australia.gov.au