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Dear families,

RE: Financial impact of COVID-19

I write to you today, on behalf of Fr Jude and myself, to reassure families impacted financially by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic that we want to assist you in every way possible to continue your child's enrolment at St James the Apostle.

As many in our school community grapple with unprecedented changes to finances, emotional wellbeing and physical health, we have taken a clear position on enrolments.

No parent or guardian who wishes their child to receive a Catholic education at St James the Apostle School will be denied the opportunity to do so because of financial circumstances.

If you have concerns about your financial situation, please contact me (<u>mabbott@sjhcn.catholic.edu.au</u>) or Marion Spratling (<u>mspratling@sjhcn.catholic.edu.au</u>) so that we can explore confidential financial support arrangements to enable your child's ongoing education at our school.

To facilitate your planning, we will respond to applications as promptly as possible given our own constraints during this time.

We are absolutely committed to working with our families as we get through these challenging times.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact me by email.

Thank you for your continued support of the St James the Apostle community.

This support will enable us to continue to provide rich and engaging learning activities, and strong pastoral support for all of our students.

I am in constant contact with Fr Jude and we are keeping you all in our prayers during this time.

Take care and keep well.

Mary Abbott Principal