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Dear Emmaus families,

Re: COVID-19 (coronavirus) update #10

These are very challenging and uncertain times for us all but be assured that we are here for you and your family.

Catholic Education SA is committed to ensuring educational, spiritual and pastoral support for every child in our schools. The COVID-19 pandemic impacts every aspect of our life – our families, our work and our wellbeing. Every day there are new restrictions in place and many new questions.

In many regional and rural communities, the pandemic comes amidst a range of other challenges - bushfires, drought, loss of key industries and employment.

Fee Remission

Amongst all the worries that we have at this time – worrying about the payment of school fees should not be one of those things. Please be assured of our support for your family. If your family has lost significant income due to COVID-19 you will receive a total school fee remission effective immediately, initially for a period of 3 months. We will continue to review the fee situation for individual families and the school as a whole. Further information will be released early next week.

Pupil Free days (6-9 April)

The Government has announced that the final week of this school term (Monday 6 April – Thursday 9 April) will be a pupil free week across all South Australian schools. This means that the last day of Term for students will be Friday 3 April.

This time will enable teachers and school staff to prepare for the remote delivery of lessons.

OHSC will be available for these pupil free days. Bookings for these pupil free days will open tomorrow.

Online learning

Catholic Education SA is working to guarantee that learning will continue for your child. We will ensure that students can continue their studies remotely and remain connected with their teachers. We are also working with the government to ensure that – where parents need to work – that students can access schooling.

Commitment to your child

Please be assured. Your child matters to us. Your family matters to us.

Our absolute commitment is that we will support your child in their learning and wellbeing at this difficult time whether they are physically at school or at home.

Regular updates are being provided on the Catholic Education SA website – www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/alerts

Please continue to pray for our leaders, our schools and our teachers. May we be kind to each other in the face of uncertainty.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Gurr".

Catherine Gurr
Principal

26th March 2020