

04 September 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

I hope that as we complete the fifth week of Stage 4 restrictions, you are safe and well. Hopefully, the number of COVID-19 cases continues to decrease and we will soon have some easing of restrictions.

Our thoughts and prayer are with families where one or more family members have been sick through COVID-19. This second wave of the virus has been challenging for the local area and our community. An increasing number of parents / carers have been stood down, lost their jobs or had their business closed.

The purpose of this update is to remind families that we can help with fee assistance, and to explain what will happen in relation to levies for camps, sport and excursions.

### **Fee Relief**

We remind families that the College can and will provide support to families in relation to fees. It has always been central to our mission that no young person should miss out on a Catholic education due to a families' financial circumstances. This is the reason that we have always kept tuition fees as low as possible.

Please contact Anne Ross, the College Bursar, by email [crcaccounts@crcstalbens.com.au](mailto:crcaccounts@crcstalbens.com.au) or phone **(0482 900 216)** to discuss your individual situation and how we can assist.

### **Camps, Sports and Excursions Levy**

As camps, sport and excursions will not run this year, these levies will be deducted from the 2020 fees. For families who have already paid the College fees in full, the amount paid will be credited to next year's fees for students in Year 7, 8 and 9. **However, if you prefer a refund, please contact the finance team to arrange this.**

We will contact all Year 10 families who have paid in full to see what they would like to do with the credit. It can be refunded, go towards fees at CRC Sydenham or cover the cost of purchasing the student laptop.

*New accounts will be sent to families in the next few weeks to reflect the deduction of these levies.*

### **Please note:**

The deduction of this levy does not apply to families who received fee relief from the beginning of the year, before COVID-19. These costs are already deducted in these payment plans.

**Fees 2020**

At this week's College Council meeting it was agreed that, in light of the economic impact of COVID-19, there will be no fee increase for 2021.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christina Utri', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christina Utri  
Principal