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Dear Parents and Caregivers

We know that we are living through an unprecedented time in our history and that the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 virus has been significant. Some parents in our school have lost their jobs and many families are facing significant financial stress. We want to assure you of a very important and simple message: **the ongoing enrolment of every child at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Pinjarra is guaranteed irrespective of a family's financial situation.**

Catholic Education's position is very clear on the enrolment of children in all Catholic schools. No parent who wishes their child to receive a Catholic Education would be denied the opportunity to do so because of financial circumstances. Should you hold a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pension Card please provide us with a copy as this enables us to take your financial considerations into account.

If you are worried about your financial situation, and your capacity to pay school fees, please contact Joy Ketteringham, Principal ([admin@stjoespinjarra.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stjoespinjarra.wa.edu.au)), or Bridget Bolt, Registrar ([bridget.bolt@cewa.edu.au](mailto:bridget.bolt@cewa.edu.au)), so that we can put in place financial support arrangements.

Any arrangements which are made between parents and our school will remain **confidential.**

In line with the Prime Minister's announcement, education in our Catholic schools will continue to be provided during the COVID-19 crisis. As parents, you have a choice to keep your child at home or send him or her to our physical school site. We will continue, whether your child is at school, or at home, to provide rich and engaging learning activities and strong pastoral support.

Yours sincerely

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