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Dear Parents and Caregivers

At this unprecedented and worrying time for our society, I write on behalf of Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) to express our support for and solidarity with your school and its families.

You have been very trusting of and loyal to your school and we are deeply appreciative of this. We also realise that some of you are very worried about your capacity to meet school fee obligations due to your changing financial circumstances as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is very important that you know that we are with you and will remain loyal to you throughout this crisis. **I would like to assure you that no student will be denied a Catholic education in the Edmund Rice tradition due to inability or reduced capacity to pay school fees and costs.**

Your Principal will communicate with you further in relation to how you can access support due to changed circumstances. Please be assured that your dignity and privacy will be respected.

EREA has also been in dialogue with our Principals and School Boards in relation to how we, as a national family of schools, are committed to exploring every avenue of supporting all schools and working together in this time of crisis.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your trust and reiterate our commitment to standing with you during this difficult time.

As people of faith we continue to hold our world in our thoughts and prayers.

Please take care and stay safe.

Best wishes.

**Dr Wayne Tinsey
Executive Director
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