



# St. Joseph's School Adelong

*To be God's hands in our homes, our school and our world.*

Thursday 13 February 2020

Dear Parents,

Many of you have had a traumatic and unsettled school holiday break and our thoughts and prayers are with all families who have experienced hardship or loss.

Catholic Education Canberra & Goulburn has offered financial support through fee relief to families adversely impacted by the 2019/2020 bushfires.

I am very aware that a vast majority of our families have been directly impacted and this letter outlines what the criteria is to access immediate and full 2020 fee relief.

Families are eligible if they have experienced any of the following:

- Serious injury to yourself or an immediate family member
- Loss of life of an immediate family member
- Principal place of residence has been destroyed or significantly damaged including:
  - The interior has sustained major damage
  - Damage from the fire has exposed the interior to the elements
  - The residence has been declared structurally unsound, or
  - The interior has been affected by sewerage contamination
- Loss of livelihood or primary income source including:
  - Livestock
  - Business, or
  - Employment

The process is that families need to contact myself if you wish to access this fee relief (I have already been in contact with some families). I strongly encourage families to touch base with me before Friday 21 February, as you will appreciate that we have to get documentation processed to meet a particular timeline.

Families who have not been impacted by the above circumstances but are experiencing financial hardship can apply for fee remissions through the normal fee concession process. Please contact the front office for further information.

Parents and carers are always welcome to contact me to discuss any matters that affect your child's education or well-being so that we can tailor support to those most affected in our community.

Yours Sincerely,

Kirsty Beavan  
Principal