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*From the Office of the Principal*

Dear St Patrick's College Community,

RE: Supporting the Community During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Crisis

As a community, St Patrick's College has determined our core values as:

- catholic identity,
- compassion,
- endeavour & excellence,
- stewardship,
- individuality,
- relationships,
- leadership; and
- social justice.

We are proud of the way in which our College community endeavours to live out these values in our daily lives and now, during a rapidly evolving global health crisis, we have the opportunity to continue to uphold these in a meaningful and impactful way to support others within the community.

## **HOW WE CAN HELP YOU**

### Temporary Fee Reduction Application

The Business Manager, Ms Karen Cole, recently contacted parents/guardians offering support to those who may be experiencing extreme financial hardship due to job loss, decreased hours of work or significant business disruption.

If parents/guardians are in a situation where their household income has been negatively impacted by the current events of the Coronavirus and they are experiencing difficulties meeting their financial obligations, we may be able to offer a temporary fee reduction conducive to their particular circumstances. To view a copy of the letter and for information on how to apply, please click here: <https://bit.ly/SPC20-H-TFA>

### Community Business Register

In determining further ways we can support our community during this crisis and beyond, we are developing a St Patrick's College *Community Business Register*. If you are a direct member of the College/Parish community with a business that you would like to register on our website, please click here to submit your details: <https://bit.ly/Local-Bus-Dir>

If your business has temporarily closed, we encourage you to still complete the form so the College community can support you when your business reopens.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP OTHERS

During these times of disruptions to business, physical and social isolation and uncertainty it is most important that we strengthen our sense of community by connecting with, and supporting others.

If you are in a position to offer support to our St Patrick's College community businesses now, or in the future, please view the *Community Business Register* by clicking on the following website link:

<https://www.stpatricks.tas.edu.au/community-business-register>

The Community Business Register includes a range of business services linked with our College community, including take away & delivery services offered from local restaurants and cafes\*.

*\*As this is a new initiative, we will endeavour to add details of businesses when this information is provided from members of the College community. Please continue to revisit the website to view the Community Business Register as it grows.*

Below are some further examples of ways in which you can show compassion and kindness to others:

- Deliver local goods to the door of someone in self-isolation.
- Purchase gift vouchers or products from local businesses now, to use in the future.
- Shop at small grocers, who source products from local suppliers.
- Order take away and delivery from local restaurants and cafes.
- Manage your exposure to media coverage as this can increase feelings of fear and anxiety.
- Actively manage and encourage wellbeing by maintaining routines where possible, connect with family and friends (even if not in person), stay physically active, eating nutritious foods and seek additional support by contacting Lifeline or further professional support as required.
- Reach out to others in social isolation and let them know you care.

Collectively, we have the ability to make meaningful, positive impacts on others in a range of ways. I encourage you all to continue to offer each other kindness, understanding and support during this time of uncertainty and I look forward to sharing our *Community Business Register* with you all.

God Bless,



**Mr Tony Daley**  
Principal

