

A Catholic Boys' College conducted by THE MISSIONARY OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE

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Financial iCARE @ IONA

Dear Families of Iona,

First and foremost we wish every prayer and blessing to you and all of your families and friends at this truly unprecedented and worrying time for our society and world.

Inspired by St Eugene de Mazenod OMI, our families have trusted us with the education and care of their sons and have come to experience us as kind, compassionate and fair whenever we have been called upon.

We have worked hard to provide every family with clear, positive, honest and reliable information regarding the College's responses and preparation for the continued delivery of a genuinely Ionian and Oblate education. All Staff continue to work at their fullest capabilities for the learning and care of your sons.

We would like this letter to clearly demonstrate our willingness and ability to work with each and every family to help navigate through this current situation in every way possible, including the payment of 2020 fees.

We also most definitely require that College fees, where possible, remain a family commitment that is kept. This is the two-fold relationship of trust that has been built over many years.

The financial impacts on Iona families from coronavirus are varied and every single unique circumstance is important to us. We value highly the trusted relationship that exists between families and the College and commit to working with each and every family circumstance.

It is very important in this era to be open, clear and trustworthy with the finance team so that every family finds a way to remain at the College through and beyond this coronavirus era.

Any family experiencing COVID-19 financial impact is invited to submit an initial expression of financial support which will be followed up in due course with direct communication from the Finance Team at Iona where all information will be confidential. This financial form of expression can be found on the Iona website: [Expression of Financial Support](#). Form should be submitted to bursar@iona.qld.edu.au

We have had some families expressing a desire to assist other families in difficulty and if you are in this category we invite you to make contact with Susan Boban (Finance Team Leader) at bobans@iona.qld.edu.au to support the Iona College Scholarship Fund with a tax-deductible donation. This could be a real way to express solidarity with those families in need.

There is also a link for the various financial supports from the Federal Government and we have a member of the College Board who is willing to assist any family seeking an understanding of these supports. Please contact Susan Boban at bobans@iona.qld.edu.au. <https://www.hallchadwickqld.com.au/covid19/>

With sincere Oblate spirit, it is vitally important for our Iona culture and community that all families remain at the College during and through this COVID-19 era. We commit to doing all we can to help support those affected by this COVID-19 pandemic.

I conclude with words from our College prayer: "touch gently this life which you have created".



This is the College's Financial iCARE support during and through this present time. We remain confident that we will all be people of H.O.P.E where it calls us to Hold On Pain Ends.

Take Care and God Bless

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