



St Norbert
College

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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 Norbert College is guaranteed irrespective of a family's financial situation.**

The Norbertine Canon's position is very clear on the enrolment of children in our school. No parent who wishes their child to receive a Catholic Education would be denied the opportunity to do so because of financial circumstances.

If you are worried about your financial situation and your capacity to pay school fees, the following options are **immediately** available to you:

- The Centrelink Health Care Card Discount Scheme provides an **automatic fee concession** to the holders of eligible means-tested family concession cards. This discount applies to all year levels from Year 7 to Year 12. **Additional financial considerations are also available** depending on each family's circumstance.
- For parents who do not qualify for the Health Care Card discount but who are experiencing financial difficulties, It is critical that you make contact with the College Finance Officer, Mrs Joleen Scott fees@norbert.wa.edu.au

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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