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Dear Boarding Parents and Caregivers

On April 7 we wrote to all parents regarding the financial impact of COVID-19. In that letter, we indicated that the College Board was closely examining the implications of the temporary closure of the Boarding House which began on Friday, 27 March. We are eagerly waiting for the go ahead from the Government via Catholic Education WA so that we can welcome back our boarders. As yet we have no indication of a date, however be assured that as soon as we receive this information, it will be relayed to you.

The College Board and College Leadership Team have been working to balance a difficult landscape where the key issues are the uncertainty of the timeframe for closure and the recognition that the Boarding facility is temporarily closed. Any savings that can be achieved will be passed on to parents in the form of a boarding fees credit that will be calculated once the timeframe for closure is known.

We thank you most sincerely for your patience and understanding as we have addressed these important factors. Our focus has been and continues to be the care of the boys and staff as we follow the unfolding situation with COVID-19, government announcements and health directives. Your support with the challenges of remote learning has been greatly appreciated.

As with tuition fees, we are committed to working with each and every family circumstance. Should you be experiencing financial difficulty please do not hesitate to contact our Finance team of Eric Paini or Monica Slater (9291 1500) to discuss your changed circumstances. The very clear and strong message remains - **No matter what the financial situation of a family, the ongoing enrolment of your child is fully guaranteed.**

We are certainly missing the vibrancy and richness that our boys in the Boarding community add to the College. We look forward to the time when we are back together again.

We hold in our prayers all boarders and their families. May the values lived out by St Eugene De Mazenod live strongly in each of our lives.

Warm regards and God bless



Mary Retel
Board Chair



Andrew Watson
Principal

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