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Dear Parents & Carers

Pandemic Financial Hardship

In April last year, in response to the onset of the pandemic, we wrote to families to offer financial relief to those who were economically impacted by COVID-19 restrictions. This was gratefully received, helping a number of families to continue their child/ren's education at SGCS.

The current outbreak of the Delta variant in Sydney reminds us of what can so quickly be taken away from us once again; our freedom of movement, face-to-face connections, employment, and income. As Christians, we are reassured of the hope and surety that God provides us when we are in relationship with Jesus;

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom 8:35, 38-39)

We are writing to remind you of the School's ongoing commitment and support to you in seeing your children educated in a Christian school.

In light of the current outbreak and extended lockdown, and the resulting economic impact, the Principal and the Board have again considered both the School's response in terms of educational outcomes, as well as the impact on our finances. The Board remains committed to a genuinely Christian education for our students.

We congratulate our staff who have adapted once again to ensure the continuity of our students' education with innovative and creative learning and engagement strategies. Please continue to provide feedback to our staff using the channels of communication established by your child's Head of Department.

The economic impact of this current lockdown is being felt across many employment sectors and the Board is committed to seek to assist current families who are suffering financial hardship. This week the Board agreed to provide financial assistance to School families who are suffering significant loss of employment as a result of the current lockdown in Sydney.

Assistance and support may be given in a number of ways as it was last year, such as fee relief, establishing payment schedules and/or deferring payments. Using the simplified application process overseen by the Business Manager, the type and amount of support will be allocated according to need and at the discretion of the Principal.

You can access this form on our website as well as on the Parent Portal. Otherwise please email our Business Manager at businessmanagerpa@sgcs.nsw.edu.au who will send you the Financial Hardship Form to apply for assistance.

If your family financial situation has been impacted significantly because of the current lockdown, we encourage you to speak with us about how we can support you and your child's education at SGCS.

Please know we are praying for our School community; parents, students, and staff and their families. We are acutely aware of the complex challenges this disease has imposed on our society, yet we are confident of the security, peace and provision offered in Jesus.

Yours sincerely



James Honor
Principal



Paddy Benn
Chairman, SGCS Board