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24 August 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of The Geelong College

The main purpose of this letter is to provide you with an update on some important matters directly relevant to parents and students of College in this second period of Remote Learning.

### **Financial consideration**

The Geelong College Council has resolved that a financial consideration of 10% will be applied to Term 3 tuition fees for all students from Prep to Year 12. This will appear in the form of a credit on the Term 4 fee statement. It is important to be aware the arrangements are similar to those of Term 2 including:

- The consideration will be applied after allowing for any existing discount or other arrangement that may be in place;
- Parents of boarders will not be charged any boarding fees for the weeks their children are not resident in Mackie or Mossgiel in Term 3; and,
- The building levy has been removed from the Term 4 fee statement.

Council considers this level of financial consideration to be appropriate in the circumstances where most costs enabling the provision of educational services are maintained.

Should you be in a position to not need this fee consideration you may wish to donate this amount to the College Education Fund to assist other families within the College community. Please contact our Business office in this instance.

### **Remote Learning continuation**

Our teaching and support staff are continuing to provide the best possible experience for our students through this second period of Remote Learning. The current circumstances have brought with them many challenges. Responding quickly and appropriately to new demands have featured strongly in our staff conduct, demonstrating their commitment to student needs.

Our response to this second period of Remote Learning has been significantly informed by the experiences of Term 2. Our approach has been and will continue to be refined as we become more familiar with the tools at hand and explore the best way to maintain student engagement. Effective teaching and learning is a clear priority in addition to concerns about wellbeing. We are continuing to refine the approach to all our normal operations. We are all learning as we go, seeking to improve everything we do for the benefit of our students.

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### **Further financial support**

Beyond the financial consideration outlined in this letter, Council understands the current economic circumstances present many of our families with significant financial difficulty. Council continues to be committed to ensuring a principled, fair and consistent process is applied to provide reasonable support and flexibility for affected families where possible. Further guidance will be available from the Director of Business Operations: [Shannyn.leach@geelongcollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:Shannyn.leach@geelongcollege.vic.edu.au)

### **Further information**

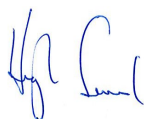
Over the last six months we have established a pattern in which day-to-day operational aspects of each School are distributed directly by the Heads of School. This approach has been working well and will continue in the coming weeks.

As has been the case all year matters specific to the Junior, Middle or Senior Schools might be best directed to the Head of School in the first instance. However, if you have any questions about the matters raised above or would like to contact the school confidentially, please do not hesitate to send a note to: [Principal@geelongcollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:Principal@geelongcollege.vic.edu.au)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the College community for the patience and support provided to our staff and others in the community over the last five months or so. We have seen the great strength of our community throughout this period in the form of positive interactions, expressions of gratitude and shared hope for the future.

Again, we close by saying the Council and the Principal together with our enormously capable and devoted staff are committed to supporting every student and their family at this unparalleled time in the life of our community.

Yours Sincerely,



**Dr H Seward**  
**Chair, The Geelong College Council**



**Dr P Miller**  
**Principal**

