



VILLANOVA COLLEGE

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Dear Members of the Villanova College Community

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." Famous words written by Charles Dickens some 160 years ago. These words sum up what most people are experiencing during the COVID 19 Pandemic. I sincerely hope that we are also experiencing an age of wisdom, belief and hope.

I am writing to let you know the College Board has frequently met over the past months via electronic means to provide every support to the College, its Leadership Team, staff, students and families during these challenging times.

We have been saddened to hear firsthand of the hardships many families are experiencing with loss of income and employment. Concessions have been offered regarding school fees and other support mechanisms enacted including payment plans. The College Board made the decision to not charge the Term Two Activity Levy and will continue to monitor the situation as our community navigates through this pandemic.

I must emphasise, at this critical time, the importance of your continued support of the College. Through your support I am confident we will emerge from this crisis in a strong position to continue to provide the quality education for all students expected of Villanova College.

The College Board is totally committed to the welfare of all members of the Villanova College community and continues to work towards securing an exciting and sustainable future. The new St Thomas of Villanova Learning Centre is one such example of this commitment and I am sure our whole community is excited about these new facilities becoming available soon.

A special mention to our Teaching staff and Support staff who have done a sterling job in supporting their students and families during the past weeks of the lockdown. I am aware through conversations with Mr Mark Stower of the extra burden staff have been placed under due to the pandemic and on behalf of the College Board express our gratitude for their work and support provided to all. In so many ways the Villanova College staff have constantly "gone above and beyond."

Finally, I thank the parents and caregivers for their support of the students and staff of the College. The College Leadership Team led by Mr Mark Stower have done a superb job during these demanding and challenging times. They have the full support of the College Board.

Better times are ahead, and I am confident Villanova College will continue to be a great school and place of learning for all.

Yours sincerely

Mr Peter Geraghty  
Chair Villanova College Board