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Subject: Support Available for Those Affected by Drought

Dear Families,

We know that the recent drought across many parts of Victoria has had a significant impact on many families across our region, particularly those working in agriculture and related industries. During times like this, it's important to remember that support is available, and we want to ensure that every family knows where to turn for help.

Catholic Education Ballarat, in partnership with CatholicCare Victoria and the St Vincent de Paul Society, has compiled a range of support options for families experiencing financial hardship as a result of the drought. This includes school fee assistance, counselling and parenting services, and practical support such as help with uniforms, fuel and food vouchers, and utility bills.

If your family has been affected, I encourage you to reach out to us, confidentially and without hesitation. These conversations are treated with understanding and compassion.

You can read more about the support available here:

View drought support information

You can also view the original announcement from Catholic Education Ballarat here: Read the media release

We are committed to walking alongside families during difficult times and ensuring every child continues to be supported in their learning and wellbeing.

Yours sincerely

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