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Dear Parent/Guardian,

There is nothing better than watching young people flourish in their chosen industry pathway. We wish to thank you for making the decision to invest in your young person's future at the Australian Industry Trade College (AITC).

We continue to monitor the impact of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) on industry and importantly, our community. The scope and scale of recent events is extraordinary and we are managing this day-by-day. The Australian Government has committed a stimulus package to assist families, including the deferment of home loans and early access to superannuation.

Despite this, some of our AITC families are already facing financial difficulty with job cuts and strain on family-owned businesses. We want you to know that the AITC is a large and robust community of almost 900 students, 1800 parents and 150 staff, and we are going to walk this together.

Over the last week, both the Board and the Executive have been in discussions regarding how we can best support our community. **If you are experiencing financial difficulty due to COVID-19 circumstances, please call us – we want to help you navigate through these difficult times and continue to support your young person on their learning journey.** We would like you to know that we have some facility to assist AITC families in this predicament and ask that you talk to your campus principal (even during school break) so that your young person can continue at the AITC.

The College will take every reasonable action to assist our AITC community during these very trying circumstances. We will continue to provide flexible payment plans, as we do in our present offering, however we are investigating partnerships and strategies to help families manage financial commitments during this period. We will provide you more details about these strategies in the near future.

Undoubtedly, the economy will suffer due to COVID-19. When we come out the other side of these extraordinary times, your young person will be part of the rebuild. Thank you for your support as we work with you in creating a future for your young person.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Hands

CEO