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Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you are all well and have settled into Term 2. I want to start by expressing my deep gratitude and admiration for the strength and resilience you have shown during this challenging time. Our school remains committed to providing continuity of learning for all our students.

Many of you have heard the Minister's announcement regarding a funding package to support public schools in 7 identified Local Government Areas affected by the floods in the Northern Rivers, including Banora Point High School.

This funding package comprises two initiatives which are designed to help our school community recover. The first is an emergency grant payment for our staff. The second is an education hardship fund for students to support their education recovery.

The Education Hardship Fund will provide \$500 for each of our students. The funds will be transferred to each student's school account. The funds will be available for use until the end of the 2023 school year. Parents and carers of students in Year 12 this year are strongly encouraged to fully spend the funds by the end of the 2022 school year as the funds will no longer be available once a student finishes school. If you have more than 1 child at the school, the Education Hardship Fund will appear on our records as a combined amount (e.g. \$1,000 for 2 children)

What can the funds be used for?

Parents and carers can request to use the funds for school-related activities and expenses including:

- excursions, camps and incursions
- school-organised formals
- competition fees
- subject fees
- canteen purchases
- uniforms – school uniforms (from school-run Uniform Shop), end of year school jerseys, subject uniforms such as hospitality uniform and ancillary items
- student fees associated with TAFE such as White Cards
- in-school tutoring such as a music tutor
- sport participation including weekly sport or carnivals  
school photos
- family costs incurred by involvement in school theatre or music performances
- ongoing weekly co-curricular programs such as dance or gymnastics programs.

Unused funds can be transferred for students moving to another NSW public school, including those transitioning from Year 6 to 7. The unused funds cannot be transferred for students moving to an Independent or Catholic school.

Please note that the funds cannot be used for voluntary school contributions, nor can they be 'cashed out' or withdrawn for personal use.

How can I access the funds?

The funds will be available in your child's student account. You can contact us by phone (07) 5513 1960 or school email [banorapnt-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](mailto:banorapnt-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) to let us know how you would like the funds to be used for your child.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C Randle'.

Mr. Christopher Randle  
Principal