



## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

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### **COVID-19 STUDENT EDUCATION SUPPORT FUND ESTABLISHED**

United Way Glenelg has established the COVID-19 Student Education Support Fund as part of its ongoing commitment to support students through these challenging times.

The fund provides support to students experiencing financial hardship as a result of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A one-off grant of \$100 will provide a small financial contribution to students struggling to meet the cost of their books and school requisites through local suppliers Portland Newsagency and Campion Education in Warrnambool.

United Way Glenelg Executive Officer Nicole Carr said the grant would be utilised by those directly impacted by the pandemic and the restrictions associated with COVID-19 such as loss of income, reduced hours, medical issues and the impact of social isolation.

"We know some students and their families have had it hard, and we know that this will not fully solve the burden," Ms Carr said. "But, it will help some families to get through a difficult period."

"We are working closely with all schools across the Glenelg Shire to ensure we are supporting those who need this grant the most."

Funds from the United Way Glenelg Student Education Support Fund is limited and will be dispersed equitably across all schools in the Glenelg Shire.

Principals and welfare co-ordinators will identify students and apply on the student's behalf.

This project is supported by the United Way Glenelg COVID-19 IMPACT Fund. If you wish to donate please go to [https://www.givenow.com.au/uwg\\_covid19\\_impact\\_fund](https://www.givenow.com.au/uwg_covid19_impact_fund)

For more information on the COVID-19 Student Education Support Fund contact Executive Officer Nicole Carr on 0410 513 305 or [mail@unitedwayglenelg.com.au](mailto:mail@unitedwayglenelg.com.au) if you have questions, concerns regarding any aspects of the Student Education Support Fund.

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