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INFORMATION UPDATE

FROM THE BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

Friday 4 May 2018

Assalamualaikum

Progress report on our application to the Commonwealth

In the last *Information Update* (Thursday 29 March) I informed you that we would need to submit a fresh application to the Commonwealth Department to be recognised as an approved authority for the purposes of receiving funding from the Commonwealth.

I am pleased to tell you that, as a result of some very fast work, Mr Rixon and his staff were able to submit the application before the Easter break. As a result, we were able to have a very constructive teleconference with officers from the Department on 10 April.

Following the teleconference, the Department sent us a letter on 19 April requesting further information to assist it in assessing our application. Work is proceeding well in preparing our response. The Department has asked for our reply by 17 May.

Once the Department has the information, its officers will be in a position to satisfy themselves that our School is being run in a way that is fully compliant with the Australian Education Act.

We do not know how long it will take the Department's officers to make a decision but we are confident that it should not take a long time. We will, of course, quickly provide any further information the Department might need, and be available to clarify any matters.

Discussions with the NSW Standards Authority (NESA)

To make sure that NESA, the authority responsible for giving the School a licence to operate in NSW, was aware of what is going on, Mr Rixon and I met Inspectors from NESA during the school holidays. This also was a very constructive meeting and we will work with NESA to ensure we meet all its requirements.

Meeting for parents and staff

There will be a meeting at the Greenacre campus from 6pm to 7.30pm on Tuesday 8 May. At this meeting, Mr Rixon and I will provide further information about these and other matters. Board members and members of the Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) who are free on that evening will attend. I hope that as many parents and staff as possible will join us.

Jazakallah Khairan for your ongoing support.

Wassalam

DR JOHN BENNETT

Chair