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INFORMATION UPDATE

FROM THE BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

Assalamualiakum

Friday, 30 June 2017

Today signals the end of Term 2. Ahead of the break, we wish to update you on our efforts to release the delayed commonwealth funding ahead of Term 3. This update is extensive but contains important information for you.

Commonwealth Funding

The Board has now provided the Commonwealth Department further detailed financial information and discussions continue.

We are confident this information will clearly demonstrate to the Department that the school is compliant with the Act in terms of its financial practices and records as well as its tender and governance practices. The Department continues to review the information and we continue to cooperate.

In addition to this, we continue to work on resolving the rental issues and have had several potentially positive discussions on this matter.

As soon as we are able, we will provide further information, however, be assured that we are confident we will soon be able to address the Department's concerns on this issue.

The Board remains hopeful that the Department will, in the near future, conclude that the school is fully compliant and end the delay in funding.

Appeal to the Federal Court

While the Board continues its efforts to satisfy the Department's concerns about the School's compliance, the Board has lodged a further appeal to the Federal Court.

We have requested that the Court orders the Commonwealth to release the delayed funding until the Federal Court decision on the Board's earlier appeal is handed down.

Our appeal for the release of the delayed funding will be heard next week. If the Board's appeal is successful, the school will be able to operate in Term 3.

Voluntary Administration

If the funding delay continues, the school will, unfortunately, be placed into voluntary administration. It is a distressing prospect but there is no alternative.

If administration is necessary, an Administrator will assume operation of the School and explore the options available. This could include investigation of ways in which to keep the school open.

Programs for students

Please be assured that if the school cannot continue, the Board will assist where possible any programs that are put in place to enable the students to continue their education. We hope that such initiatives will cause as little disruption as possible.

A special Year 12 holiday program is in place to enable students to finalise their courses and we continue to explore ways in which to accommodate all our wonderful students in Term 3. We will provide further details shortly.

Thank you

The Board extends its heartfelt thanks to the entire school community for its tremendous efforts to keep our wonderful school open.

This is a stressful time for students, parents and staff and we very much appreciate your encouragement, support and positive outlook as this uncertain situation.

Please continue to check the school website for updates and as always please do not hesitate to contact the Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) at pac@mfis.nsw.edu.au or the Board at The Board's email address is board@mfis.nsw.edu.au

Jazakallah Khairan for your ongoing support.

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