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INFORMATION UPDATE FROM THE INTERIM BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

Assalamualiakum

Friday, 3 June 2016

Your Interim Board has been busy this week with a very important government agency inspection.

BOSTES Inspection

On Tuesday, the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES) carried out a detailed inspection of Malek Fahd Islamic School as part of the process we must follow for registration under the NSW State Education Act. BOSTES is responsible for school curriculum, assessment, and teaching and regulatory standards in NSW schools. Effectively, it oversees the registration of schools, the accreditation of teachers, the development of the curriculum from kindergarten to Year 12 and the conduct of the Higher School Certificate. It was essential to give BOSTES our fullest cooperation and assistance. This we did. During the inspection, the Interim Board liaised with BOSTES around the governance issues, while senior school staff handled issues of school curriculum and the accelerated learning program, including making available all student and teacher records for inspection. I'm pleased to advise that, while we have yet to receive a formal written response, BOSTES gave us very positive feedback. The agency was complimentary about our level of cooperation and favourably impressed by our progress in updating our policies, programs and curriculum.

Your Interim Board thanks the acting Executive Principal, Deputy Principal, Assistant Principal, Coordinators, campus heads and teachers for their help in managing all aspects of the BOSTES visit. It shows what we can achieve when we all work together and just goes to show how far we have come in such a short time.

Well-deserved break for Mr Ali

Our acting Executive Principal, Mr Shamsheer Ali, will on Monday begin a short period of leave in recognition of his work and commitment to our School in recent months. Mr Ali will be on leave during Ramadan. Following this, he will undertake an executive management course with the Australian Institute of Company Directors and return to work at Malek Fahd towards the end of July. In his absence, Mr Aiyub Ahmed, our Deputy Principal, will act as Executive Principal. Mr Ali Dib will step into the Deputy Principal's role and Ms Tulin Bragg will step into the Assistant Principal's role and continue to work on the Curriculum. We know that you will provide the leadership team with your continued support. All of these arrangements will take effect from next Monday (6 June).

Ramadan Mubarak

We would like to wish all of the MFIS community Ramadan Mubarak. Ramadan holds a special place in the Islamic Calendar. We trust that you will enjoy this blessed month and take some time out to spend with your family and community, in prayer and reflection. As always, keep an eye out for future *Information Updates*, which we always aim to issue on Fridays or earlier if there are major developments. All updates are posted on the School website (click on the Interim Board button). If you have any questions of an operational nature, please contact the office of the acting Executive Principal. For any matters that require the attention of the Interim Board, please email interimboard@mfis.nsw.edu.au.

Wassalam

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Chairman, Interim Board