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INFORMATION UPDATE

FROM THE BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

Assalamualiakum

Thursday 12 January 2017

Jazakallah Khairan to both staff and parents for attending the meetings at the school on Tuesday 10th January – we are committed to keeping you informed and doing all possible to secure the future of MFIS.

We also will do whatever it takes to serve the best interests of our School, students, teachers and parents and comply with the Commonwealth's requirements for continued funding.

As many of you will know, Dr John Bennett and Mr Geoff Dornan of the Malek Fahd Islamic School Board along with Sheikh Fawaz met on Tuesday afternoon with the President of Muslims Australia (formerly known as AFIC), Mr Keysar Trad.

It was a positive discussion about our School. We all want to make sure that Malek Fahd continues to meet the needs and best interests of students, staff and the School community this year and into the future.

It was agreed at the meeting that the Board of the School and Muslims Australia should establish a fair commercial or market-based lease for the Greenacre School grounds. If such a lease was to proceed, it and all payments would be transparent and would reflect fair market rates.

This is a welcome development. For the Commonwealth, excessive lease payments to AFIC quite rightly were unacceptable and are its principal concern.

As part of our efforts to satisfy the Commonwealth, the Board also has called upon Muslims Australia to turn over to the School the deed to the property. In order to explore every avenue, the Board is at the same time prepared to negotiate a fair commercial and market-based rental for Greenacre.

In the meantime, we also on Wednesday lodged an appeal with the Federal Court of Australia against the decision of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

We will keep you updated on developments.

Wassalam

MIRIAM SILVA

Chairman