



# MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalaamu Alaikum WRWB

### Primary Literacy Classes

I am delighted to announce to our parents the innovation of teachers in Years 3 and 5 to hold additional literacy and numeracy classes before school. The classes are offered from Monday to Thursday at least for Term 1 from 8.00am to 8.40am in their respective classrooms. Each few weeks, each student will undertake mini tests to assess their ongoing progress. We are presently developing this model to include additional literacy and numeracy classes for Year 4 and 6 classes. Further information will be provided in the near future.

### ALLWELL Testing

Students who missed out on the Allwell Testing last year, sat for a catch up test on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The School uses the Allwell testing to assist us to ascertain the best way to support your child's future education.

### Umrah 2018

Malek Fahd Islamic School will be accompanying students of Years 9 to 11 for Umrah from 11<sup>th</sup> April to 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Through the Lebanese Muslim Association, we have been able to secure a reduced cost of \$3750 per person. This is an all-inclusive amount covering airfares, accommodation, transfers and complimentary breakfast. For bookings and further enquiries please contact Sheikh Fawaz via email: [fawaz@mfis.nsw.edu.au](mailto:fawaz@mfis.nsw.edu.au)

### Beaumont Hills Prefects Investiture Ceremony

Malek Fahd Beaumont Hills Prefects Investiture Ceremony was held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February to present the democratically elected student leaders with their captain's badges. The School Principal, Mr Bruce Rixon presented the badges to our students. These elected student leaders will form the SRC which

is responsible for many environmental and fundraising initiatives at the campus. The whole campus, with invited parents, assembled for this occasion which concluded with a morning tea. Congratulations to our elected leaders;

**Campus Captains:** Medhet Omer and Ayesha Rajwani

**Vice-Captains:** Usaim Shakoor and Maryam Athar.



Ms Usman and Ms Vandana did an outstanding job of organising and leading this excellent assembly.

### Hoxton Park Student Representative Council (SRC) 2018

It is with great pleasure to announce our 2018 School Captains and Vice Captains.

**School Captains:** Isaac Al - Mohammad and Mahnoor Laiq

**Vice Captains:** Wajeeh Ul - Haque and Swaleha Ali

These elected students have many responsibilities that they will undoubtedly fulfil, such as assisting in making the school a safe and friendly environment and posing as strong role models for all grades in Primary and High School.



### Greenacre Primary Student Representative Council (SRC) 2018

Congratulations to the elected Year 6 Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects for 2018. The elected students will surely do a brilliant job in ensuring they represent Malek Fahd Islamic School in a sensible and professional manner.

Following are the Student Representatives of 2018;

**Campus Captains:** Ayman Chami and Hayam Chami

**Vice-Captains:** Ibrahim Badreddine and Layla Akra

**Prefects:** Adeen Saddiq, Zayd El Mir, Omar Thornton, Mohammad Aayan, Ishya Ibrahim, Kawthar Issa, Samiha Fatima and Nasreen Saddik.



### Annual Academic Awards Ceremonies

The Muslim Year 12 Academic Awards Presentations will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March (hosted by Human Appeal) and 17<sup>th</sup> March (hosted by Bayt Al Zakat). This is a special ceremony where students with an ATAR of 90 or more are invited to attend. They will be presented

with a certificate and a valuable gift. Twenty of our students will receive awards and it is important that they attend this prestigious event.

### Dental Care at Hoxton Park

To support the dental health of our students, Aussie Mobile Dental Clinics, in conjunction with National Dental Care, will be offering free dental screenings to students at our Hoxton Park Campus for K-10 students on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

This service is provided under the Child Dental Benefits Scheme of the Australian Government. If you are eligible and would like your child to undertake a free dental screening at the school, please sign and return the consent form to the class teacher by Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The Dental Clinic has offered to donate significant funds for the purchase of much needed sporting equipment for this Campus.

### Gala Day

The ISD Basketball Gala, which took place on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> of February at Bankstown Basketball Centre, involved elected Year 10 and 11 students from Malek Fahd as well as ten other Private Schools undergoing four 18-minute basketball matches against each other.

The day started with a light introduction to the game and its rulings and ended with cheerful yet tired students. The Malek Fahd students' goal was to have as much fun as possible and make the School proud. Throughout the day a lot of running, passing, shooting of goals and shouts of encouragement occurred with everyone getting through their designated matches. Overall, the matches were very competitive with everyone aiming to do their best and come out with a win. All students that attended displayed excellent sportsmanship. The boys under 15's team did particularly well winning all but one game.



We would like to thank Ms Mitchell and Mr Merhi for accompanying us on this event and supporting us throughout as well as Mr Rixon who surprised us with

a supporting visit. On behalf of all the students we would like to say that we had a great time and we are glad that we were a part of such an enjoyable and fun day. Written by Zahraa Bazzi 10G2

### **Bullying of Secondary School Boys**

Over the last two weeks, Year Advisors and Welfare Coordinators have dealt with numerous cases of various levels of bullying amongst the boys. I remind parents and students that bullying, in any form is not acceptable at Malek Fahd. Students who persist in such behaviour will be asked to leave the School. To further assist students to understand bullying and its consequences, the School will be organising anti-bullying workshops for the boys, including Mind Matters, Kids Matters, 'Kids STAY SAFE' Anti-Bullying and personal safety programs.

### **Detention**

From time to time students fail to abide by the School rules. The Discipline Policy clearly outlines the consequences for poor behaviour which may result in a detention. Parents will be informed of detentions by way of an SMS. Detentions are usually held each Thursday and due notice will be given to parents.

### **IT Department Overview**

Malek Fahd Islamic School is proud to announce that we have commenced working on upgrading our schools Information and Communication Technology [ICT] infrastructure. As part of these upgrades, we have refurbished two existing computer labs and are in the process of introducing a fifth computer lab and theatre to our Greenacre High School Campus. The School has also purchased a new Adobe Licence Agreement; making over eight different highly anticipated software programs accessible to our staff and students. The school aims to make ICT more accessible to all staff and students and is now ready for the 2018 online NAPLAN testing.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students and staff for their ongoing patience and support during the process of these upgrades. We anticipate that the remainder of upgrades to our schools networking infrastructure will be complete by the end of the year. This will provide the school with adequate time to plan, prepare and evaluate the release of a new, highly stable school network. Our school is committed to provide our students with the best possible digital learning experiences; as we

prepare for the 'digital age' and roll out of the NBN connection.

### **Greenacre Air Conditioning System**

Over the last weekend, Greenacre experienced a power failure that tripped the air conditioning control systems and needed to be reset. This was rectified by the electricians and air conditioning service team.

This was one of many issues that the school has had with its air conditioning, particularly over the summer months. The unreliability of the air conditioning is an ongoing issue that is not easily rectified and as such, the air conditioning service team are required to attend the school 2 to 3 times a week to respond to the various issues.

The original design of the system has significant shortcomings resulting in inconsistent air flows and temperatures across the school, and unfortunately when one issue is identified and fixed, there is a flow on effect to other areas. Over the longer term when it has the financial capacity for such an investment, MFIS will need to spend considerable capital to modify or replace the air conditioning. In the medium term, the school will investigate how to get the most out of the current system.

I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding.

### **School Uniform Shop**

Malek Fahd Islamic School Uniform Shop will close for the school holidays on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> April at 4.00pm.

Additional Term 2 Holiday Trading Hours:

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 9.00am to 3.00pm

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 9.00am to 3.00pm

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 9.00am to 3.00pm

The Uniform shop will return to normal hours of 8.00am to 4.00pm on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May. You are welcome to purchase uniform online at your convenience and your order will be filled when the store is next open.

### **Uniform Shop Contact Details:**

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Yours sincerely



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