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INFORMATION UPDATE

FROM THE BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

Thursday, 7 February, 2019

Assalamualaikum

The Board of Malek Fahd Islamic School is excited about 2019 for a number of reasons.

Continued growth of the School

The Board is delighted that the number of students across our three campuses continues to grow.

We now have a total of 2774 students – 2066 at Greenacre, 322 at Hoxton Park and 386 at Beaumont Hills. This is very pleasing, especially the growth at Hoxton Park and Beaumont Hills.

We acknowledge the trust you have shown in the Board and the Staff of the School in granting us the privilege of educating your children. We say a special 'thank you' to those parents who have a child attending the School for the first time. We believe that you will be pleased that you chose MFIS.

The Strategic Plan (July 2018 – June 2021)

Towards the end of last year, the Board, with the support of the staff and parents, developed a Strategic Plan. This plan will be an important focus for our work over the next three years.

A key step in the development of the Strategic Plan was to ensure that our Vision Statement and our Mission Statement effectively reflect and guide what we need to do. These statements are important because they remind us *why we exist* and *what we want to achieve*.

Our Vision is that *'All students of MFIS receive an education that inspires them to achieve their full potential, embrace the future and make positive contributions to the community'*.

The Mission of MFIS is to provide opportunities within an Islamic environment for its students to excel intellectually, physically, emotionally, socially, religiously, morally and vocationally and become happy and successful citizens.

Students are encouraged and supported to:

- Achieve their full potential in all areas
- Develop the key human values of care and compassion, respect, responsibility, honesty, perseverance and self-discipline
- Learn how to exercise sound judgment and make good choices

The Strategic Plan itself is based around the **three Strategic Pillars** of Curriculum and Islamic Pedagogy, Assessment and Staff. There are then **four Enabling Pillars**, which are Safe, Secure and Respectful Environment, Buildings and Facilities, ICT Facilities and Communication and Public Relations. Under each of these pillars are specific initiatives or projects.

Some of the initiatives in the Plan already are in place. Others are being scoped in more detail and will be rolled out according to the timeline that has been developed.

We will keep you up to date as they develop.

Information Sessions

The Board, together with the Principal, will conduct information sessions to enable us to engage you directly and to keep you up to date with developments at MFIS.

The Board will discuss these sessions at its meeting on 15 February and provide you with more details later.

Resignation of Dr Fariha Dib as Chair of the Parents Advisory Committee (PAC)

Dr Fariha Dib has decided that, due to work and other commitments, she will step down as Chair of the PAC.

While the Board is very sorry to see her go, we fully understand and respect her decision.

For three years, Dr Dib led the PAC during very difficult and stressful times. She was very supportive of the Board and provided very valuable insights into the issues facing the School. In addition, throughout those three years, Dr Dib and her committee provided the Board with advice on the views of parents.

We all owe her a very big 'thank you' and wish her all the very best for the future.

If you are interested in joining the PAC, please email your details to: pac@mfis.nsw.edu.au. In particular, we are looking for interested parents associated with the Hoxton Park and Beaumont Hills campuses to join the Committee. Parents from the Greenacre Campus also are most welcome to express interest.

Jazakallah Khairan for your ongoing support.

Wassalam



DR JOHN BENNETT

Chair