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INFORMATION UPDATE

FROM THE BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

Monday, 5 August 2019

Assalamualaikum

This Board *Update* provides further information on the two matters referred to in our previous *Update* of 26 July and reports on an exciting development in an important part of our School's educational offering to your children.

NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal hearing

Last week we attended the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal to state our case against the NSW Government's Non-Government Schools Not-for-Profit Advisory Committee.

We challenged the Committee's decision to recommend to the Minister for Education that the School be required to repay all money it received from the NSW Government in 2014 and 2015.

The hearing lasted two days and, as was expected, the presiding Senior Member reserved her decision to enable her to read and reflect on all the information provided by both sides.

We are confident that we presented a strong case and hope to receive her decision as soon as possible.

NSW Education Standards Authority Visit

On Wednesday, a team of inspectors from the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) visited the School to check the last remaining matters relating to our registration. These were not considered in their previous visit or through a review of all the documents we had provided. As always, the inspectors were very thorough.

They will now prepare a report to be considered by the NESA Registration Committee at its October meeting.

While it would not be appropriate to predict any decision, it is fair to say that the inspectors were pleased with the information and materials that were provided. Based on their experience, they made some suggestions for further refinement and improvement. The School is happy to take these on. Mr Rixon and many staff members did an excellent job in preparing for this important day.

The Islamic Conference

Several weeks ago, a team of 10 people representing the School attended a two-day conference in Melbourne run by The Centre for Islamic Thought and Education at the University of South Australia. Our team included two Board members, Fayez Moussa and Yasin Mohammed. The key theme of the conference was Social Justice. One of the opening keynote speakers was Miriam Silva, our previous Chair and a current Board member.

The information our team gained at the conference will be valuable as we move forward with our discussions about Social Justice and Islamic Pedagogy and how we incorporate it effectively and appropriately into our curriculum. As we identified in our Strategic Plan, this is an important focus in our unique and special educational offering to you and your children.

Jazakallah Khairan for your ongoing support.

Wassalam

DR JOHN BENNETT

Chair