



# MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

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## INFORMATION UPDATE

### FROM THE BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

26 August 2021

Assalamualaikum

#### **Appointment of a new Board Chair**

I am pleased to announce that as of Friday, 27 August Fayeze Moussa will become Chair of the Board. I will become Deputy Chair.

Fayeze, who has served as Deputy Chair, is a successful former student of the School and has supported its activities for many years. He is well-respected member of the School community and will make an excellent Chair.

Since my appointment as Chair in 2017, we have achieved much. We have resolved all matters with the Commonwealth Government and AFIC. The final matter between the School and the NSW Minister for Education is progressing and, most importantly, the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) has granted the School a full five-year Registration and Accreditation. The School's financial position is secure.

Building works have recommenced at our Hoxton Park campus. The campus will deliver state-of-the-art learning spaces and plans are well underway for a major building program at Beaumont Hills in the coming years. The School's ICT facilities are sound and continue to develop and our welfare and support programs are impressive. Importantly, Malek Fahd's focus on Islamic Pedagogy through our partnership with the University of South Australia continues to establish a solid basis for the future.

It is, of course, important that we continue this momentum and that we look to the future. That is why this is a good time for those Board members with a deep understanding of the School and its community to take a leadership role. In my role as Deputy Chair, I will facilitate this smooth transition.

I thank the following for their huge contribution in recent years:

As the first Chair of a new era, Miriam Silva was crucial in turning things around and setting the School on the path to recovery. She continues to make a major contribution. I also acknowledge the Board members who contributed in the past but are no longer on the Board. All provided strong support throughout.

The current Board members are a great and committed team. Each member brings valuable experience, expertise, and a range of views to our discussions. This significantly improves our decision-making and all act in the very best interests of the School.

I also acknowledge, Principal Bruce Rixon and his staff. All are critical to the success of our School. Running a school of Malek Fahd's size brings many challenges and it is pleasing to see the commitment, hard work and achievements of so many people.

### **Coping with COVID-19**

I and my fellow Board members sincerely thank our School community for the way in which it has adhered to procedures established by staff to navigate this difficult time. These procedures have enabled the School to operate as best it can during these challenging months and keep everybody safe.

We know that many families have experienced first-hand the impact of this dreadful virus and we pray that it will soon be over.

As always, please continue to follow the Government's advice and stay safe.

Jazakallah Khairan for your ongoing support.

Wassalam.

**DR JOHN BENNETT**  
**CHAIR**