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INFORMATION UPDATE

FROM THE BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

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Assalamualaikum

Wonderful news for Malek Fahd Islamic School!

Yesterday we received news that our School has been granted Registration and Accreditation for the next **five** years.

Five years is the maximum term granted to any school. It means that the School, its Board, its leadership and its staff have won back the trust and confidence of education authorities.

'Registration' is the licence to operate a school. 'Accreditation' is the right to prepare students for the Higher School Certificate.

To be clear, compliance and NESAs approval are essential to every school's survival. Without them, a school would be de-registered, denied public funding and forced to close.

This excellent news came with certificates signed by the NSW Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning.

Since 2012, the School has had a series of one-year extensions in Registration and Accreditation to enable it to continue while it worked to rectify shortcomings identified by Inspectors from the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA). This was made even more difficult because of ongoing issues over the School's Commonwealth and State funding and process of resolving the issues with AFIC.

The current Board has for years worked hard to ensure that everything is properly in place so that the School is compliant with all requirements for registration. It was a long process because much needed to be done. This finally has been achieved.

Much credit for this achievement belongs to the Principal, Bruce Rixon, and the entire staff. Without everyone striving to do their best, this would not have happened. They should be really proud of their contributions and the Board thanks them. They had to make sure that all the necessary policies, programs and procedures that are required are implemented consistently.

We must never again allow bad practices undermine what we now have put in place. In her letter to the Board informing us that she was reinstating NSW Government funding the Minister stated, *'if future non-compliant or for-profit activity is indicated at your school, I reserve the right to open a new investigation which may lead to additional declarations and/or imposing conditions on financial assistance to your school'*.

Wassalam

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