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INFORMATION UPDATE

FROM THE BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

Assalamualiakum

Friday 16 September 2016

Your Board continues to make good progress towards re-establishing Malek Fahd's reputation as a leading school.

We have now formally lodged our new constitution with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). You will find a copy at www.acnc.gov.au (search for Malek Fahd).

The most significant change to our constitution is to strengthen Malek Fahd's independence as an educational institution separate from the Australian Federation of Islamic Communities (AFIC).

Consistent with this and to satisfy the Commonwealth's requirement for stable Board leadership independent of any other organisation, including AFIC, the Interim Board is now the permanent Board.

Does this mean that the membership of the Board will never change? No. Quite the opposite. To that end, the Board's focus is on how parents, alumni and the community can become more closely involved in running our school.

That's why we soon will call for nominations for representatives on the Board, as well as nominations for a range of sub-committees that support the Board's work. More information will be provided around the end of this month.

As new members are appointed, some existing members will transition off the Board.

We also are finalising a process for parents to elect a permanent Parents Advisory Committee (PAC). To support this, the Board will conduct a series of information sessions for prospective candidates. These sessions will give parents an opportunity to find out more about what being a member of the PAC would involve and the commitment that would be required. Details of the sessions will be circulated soon.

These initiatives are to increase community involvement and open up more ways for parents and friends to involve themselves with MFIS. After all, it is your School.

The Board and I want strong Islamic representation – we are, after all, a faith-based school – while ensuring that our central focus is to create the best-possible educational culture for our students to achieve their very best.

Finally, I am pleased to confirm that we have now received our Commonwealth funding for July, paid in August. As you would be aware, our funding is paid monthly in arrears, subject to our ongoing compliance with the *Education Act*.

All of our updates are posted on the School website. If you have any questions of an operational nature; please contact the office of the acting Executive Principal. An updated school newsletter was also posted on 25 August. For any matters that require the attention of the Board, please email interimboard@mfis.nsw.edu.au.

Wassalam

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