



MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

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INFORMATION UPDATE **FROM THE BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL**

Assalamualiikum

Friday 14th October 2016

As we head into the final school term of 2016, your Board would like to update you about progress with several important matters.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Earlier this month we spent two days in court as part of our application for continued public funding.

We were pleased with how our case was argued and felt that we presented the most compelling arguments possible. We were able to demonstrate to both the AAT and the Commonwealth Department of Education that we are well on the way to transforming Malek Fahd into a well-managed and truly independent Islamic school. The Board would like to thank all of the parents, staff and students who turned up at the Tribunal hearings to support us and our School. The AAT has reserved its decision and we are advised that it may be several months before the final outcome is known. So until then, it is business as usual as we continue to reform Malek Fahd for the better.

Parents Advisory Committee

In our update of 16 September, we advised that as part of establishing a permanent Parents Advisory Committee (PAC), the Board would conduct information sessions for prospective candidates. These sessions will be held next week, from 6pm to 7pm, as follows:

Monday 17 October	Greenacre campus
Tuesday 18 October	Beaumont Hills campus
Wednesday 19 October	Hoxton Park campus

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. In recognition of the commitment shown by the interim Parents Group, the Board has appointed the following parents to the permanent PAC: **Dr Fariha Dib Kak, Mr Ahmed Youssef, Mr Naseem Hawashin, Mr Kamal Mahmud, Ms Farah Assafiri, Mr Hesham Mourad and Mr Yasin Mohammed.**

When fully established, the PAC will have 15 members, so a further eight positions remain to be filled. We encourage anyone interested in becoming a member to apply. In addition, to the remaining vacancies on this committee, there are other committees and groups that will give parents the opportunity to contribute to the life of our school.

Board nominations

We will be calling for nominations for new members to join the Board of Malek Fahd in the coming weeks – stay tuned for more information.

School rankings

Finally, the Board was pleased to learn that MFIS has been highly ranked in a recent publication. In a feature in *The Weekend Australian* newspaper on 1 October, Malek Fahd was ranked 50th out of all secondary schools in NSW, based upon the nationally accepted My School rankings system for 2015. This is a tribute to not only the quality of our students and staff, but also due to the commitment and hard work of our mentors and wider school community.

All *Information Updates* are posted on the School website (click on the Board Updates button). If you have any questions of an operational nature, please contact the office of the acting Executive Principal. For matters that require the attention of the Board, please email board@mfis.nsw.edu.au.

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