



MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

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INFORMATION UPDATE

FROM THE BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

Assalamualiakum

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There is little to report this month other than the fact that we continue to make progress in our efforts to assure the future of Malek Fahd Islamic School.

Commonwealth funding

All of our Commonwealth funding for February and March – a total of \$3.2 million – has been received. We are on track for our appeal to the Federal Court of Australia to reverse the funding decision by the Federal Department of Education. We expect it to begin in May.

Lease of Greenacre campus

Resolution of a lease has been delayed by the internal dispute within Muslims Australia (AFIC), which is the landlord for the Greenacre campus. We are committed to achieving a lease agreement that satisfies Government requirements. It is a necessity for our future. Our statement of claim against AFIC with deadlines has been updated and is before the NSW Supreme Court. Scheduled mediation has been halted by the internal AFIC dispute over who leads and speaks for it.

Board governance

I am very pleased with continued smooth governance of the Board and its relationship with the School management, parents and the School community. We accept and understand that there is continuing nervousness about the future. This has been with us for some time now and I assure you that the Board and the management of the School are well prepared for what lies ahead.

Parents Advisory Committee (PAC)

The Parents Advisory Committee now has a dedicated email address for direct communication from parents, students and others. It is pac@mfis.nsw.edu.au. The PAC is an important advisor to the Board and management so please don't hesitate to contribute your feedback and suggestions.

We wish you happy and safe holidays.

Jazakallah Khairan for your ongoing support.

Wassalam

MIRIAM SILVA

Chair