



MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

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INFORMATION UPDATE

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FROM THE BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

Assalamualiakum

Dear Parent

As you may know, the NSW Department of Education has been investigating Malek Fahd Islamic School in relation to the school's compliance with the NSW Education Act 1990. A school that 'operates for profit' is not eligible for funding from the NSW Government. This means to be eligible for NSW Government funding the school must ensure all assets and income are used only for the operation of the school.

The Department's investigation found that the School was operating for profit in the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. Among other things, payments were made not for the benefit of the school, but for the benefit of another entity, the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils. This caused the school to be ineligible to receive financial assistance from the NSW Government during this period.

The school and the current Board accept that, when the school was under the control of the previous Board, it operated for profit under the NSW legislation in the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

The school and the NSW Department have now resolved the dispute in relation to that period, which results in the finalisation of proceedings between the parties in the Supreme Court of New South Wales. The school and the Department continue to work together to resolve related matters arising from 2014 and 2015.

Since March 2016 when the current Board was first constituted it has worked hard to identify and address non-compliance. While some matters are taking longer to resolve than the current Board would like, the school remains focused on the future and on continuing to provide quality education to our community. The NSW Non-Government Schools Not-for-Profit Advisory Committee has requested that the Board take steps to resolve these matters quickly to ensure stability and minimize disruption to staff and students.

Kind regards

Chairman of the Board