



MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians
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21st July 2017



Welcome to Term 3. During the week I have visited each of the campuses and it is so wonderful to be greeted with smiling faces and hear the joyful voices of our students. The energy and joy is beyond compare. At each Assembly, I have encouraged students to quickly get back into their studies and apply themselves to every lesson and to all homework.

I wish to thank the Deputy Principal, Mr Ahmed, the Business Manager, Mr Marsh, Campus Heads, Mrs El-Ahmad, Mrs Khan and Mr Lord, Sheikh Fawaz and all staff for their strong and focused leadership during the turbulent days and whilst I was on leave. I wish to especially acknowledge the extra-ordinary work of our Year 12 Teachers who gave up their personal time to teach our HSC students during the holidays. Their dedication and commitment enabled the students to complete their HSC course early.



We were honoured to have Mr Jihad Dib, MP Shadow Minister of Education, Local Member for Lakemba, address our Staff Meeting to commence the Term. He spoke of the commitment of the School, the important role staff have in teaching our students, and also focused on some educational issues that challenge all educators today. His words were inspiring. We were equally blessed by the visit of the Mufti of Zimbabwe, Sheikh Menk who addressed the staff on Islamic values and joined us in Prayer.

Subject Selection and Parent / Student Information Sessions for 2018

Next week we begin the process of subject selection for 2018 across all three campuses. Next week will be for Year 8 into Year 9 and the following week will be for students moving from Year 10 into Year 11. Presentations have been scheduled during the last portion of the school day. This will ensure all students are present and, it is hoped this time will suit our parents. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend each session. Mr Ahmed, Heads of Department, Heads of Campus and I will attend and lead each session.

While still keeping focus on achieving high academic standards, in an attempt to meet our student needs, we will be offering additional subject offerings to students in Years 9 and 11 for 2018.

Additional subjects offered for **Year 9** will be Spanish, French, Food Technology, Hospitality, Visual Arts, Music and Physical Activity and Sports Studies. Additional subjects offered for **Year 11** will be English Studies (for no university pathway), Arabic, Community and Family Studies, Geography, Information Processes and Technology, Engineering Studies, Investigating Science, Society and Culture and Ancient History.

Year 8 into Year 9 Meeting Dates and Times:

Greenacre: Monday 24th July 2.00pm to 3.30pm
Beaumont Hill: Wednesday 26th July, 2.30 to 3.30pm
Hoxton Park: Thursday 27th July, 2.30 to 3.30pm

Year 10 into Year 11 Meeting Dates and Times:

Greenacre: Tuesday 1st August 2.00pm to 3.30pm
Beaumont Hill: Wednesday 2nd August, 2.30 to 3.30pm

Academic Assessment Services (Allwell) Testing for Students in Years 2, 4, 6 and 8.

The school will be testing students in Years 2, 4, 6 and 8 to provide us with a comprehensive diagnostic analysis to inform on individual, class and cohort levels. It is capable of linking and importing NAPLAN data to measure growth across years. The tests will be undertaken later this Term. This test will replace the GAT test undertaken by Year 6 students entering Year 7 the following year. Students who miss the testing date will be tested later in the year. This year there will be no charge to parents.

Alzheimer's Volunteer Work

Congratulations and thank you to Saad Ahmad, Hassan Mehieddine, Samiha Uddin, Juwariya Malik and Talah Al Jelani who volunteered to assist the participants of the Alzheimer's Sydney Memory Walk and Jog in May. One of the volunteer leaders commented that they were some of the nicest and most polite volunteers she has worked with at the foundations events.

Year 12 Study Leave

A letter will be given to HSC students today outlining study leave leading to their Trial HSC. The School will provide supervision for students who may require such support. Year 12 teachers will be free during this study time to assist students as required.

School Fees

Families should have received their account statement over the past week that includes Term 3 tuition fees. Please note that Term 3 fees are due and payable by close of business Friday 21st July.

For the small number of families that have outstanding balances from previous periods, the school would ask for your cooperation in paying these amounts at your earliest convenience. As you are aware the school recently secured the delayed funding to keep the school open, however, the prompt payment of school fees is also necessary to ensure the viability of the school. Thank you for all of the families that have already paid their Term 3 fees, your ongoing commitment to the school is appreciated.

Kindergarten Interviews for 2018

Kindergarten Interviews for 2018 have commenced at Greenacre, Hoxton Park commencing next week and Beaumont Hills the following week. I am delighted with the number of applicants already received; to-date being over 230 at the Greenacre campus alone. If you or someone you know is still reflecting on enrolling at Malek Fahd, may I encourage you to complete the expression of interest as soon as possible so as not to miss the interview opportunity.

Campus Newsletters

Greenacre Primary, Beaumont Hills and Hoxton Park each have a newsletter that may be read on the School website, under "Campus". However, it is important to share some stories in this newsletter that is distributed to all campuses.

Inter-School Quran competition

Our students have received the opportunity to participate in the 2017 Quran Competition held at Greenacre Main Campus between Greenacre, Beaumont Hills and Hoxton Park. Congratulations to all the students who participated and showed the best of their potential in Quranic recitation. Students showed outstanding discipline and diligence throughout the competition. Respective Campus newsletters have recorded the results. Thank you Sheikh Fawaz and all the Sheikhs who lead this experience for our students.

ICAS Results

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (**ICAS**) are available and we are very pleased with the results. Congratulations to the students who participated and were successful in the competition. Please refer to respective Campus newsletters for student details and success.

Hoxton Park SRC Fund Raising

A special thank you to the Hoxton Park Term 2 SRC who were responsible for collecting \$885.95 from Islamic / Culture attire day, Jelly Bean guessing competition and Mufti Day. The proceeds go towards Human Appeal 'Building a Well Project'

Beaumont Hills Choir Performance

The Beaumont Hills Choir have been selected to perform in the Hills Shire Orange Blossom Festival, Sunday 27th August at Bella Vista Farm. I know this festival well, as I was once an organiser and had choirs participating. It is a great honour to participate. We will be the only Islamic School performing. If you are in the Hills area on this day, please come and support the Choir.

Careers Night for Years 10, 11 and 12 Students

The School will be holding a Careers Expo for Years 10, 11 and 12, Thursday 3rd August, 5.00pm to 6.30pm. Our Careers Organiser and Counsellor, Mrs Khalaf has arranged for presentations from universities and service groups. Further information will be available next week.

Carnival for Eid-al-Adha Tuesday 5th September

The School will have three-day break, Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th of September for Eid-al-Adha. Tuesday of Eid-al-Adha will be celebrated with a major carnival at Greenacre for students, families and wider community of Malek Fahd.

Again thank you for your terrific support and commitment to our very fine School. These are indeed exciting times for the School and I look forward to a strong Term 3

Wassalaam



Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal