



MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Assalamu alaykum wa ruhmatullahi wa barakaatuhu

I hope you have enjoyed a safe and relaxing school holidays with your loved ones. I would like to welcome all our families to the 2020 school year. Please note that Kindergarten will begin on Thursday 30 January at 9:30am for the first day (normal time of 8:45 am from Friday 31 January).

I am very pleased to welcome new staff members at the Campus: Mrs Yasir (Kindy), Mrs Khan and Mrs Asif (TAs) and high school teachers: Mr Bishop (Music), Ms Gani (HSIE), Ms Kaur (TAS) and Ms Earp (PDHPE/VA). I would also like to congratulate Mr Shameem on his appointment as the Deputy Head of Campus.

The high school students will receive their timetables today and will be assigned a locker by this week. Students must have a combination lock for their lockers.

I would like to congratulate the Year 12, 2019 students for their excellent results in HSC. They have worked hard, many achieving Bands 5 and 6, and have much to be proud of.

Term 1 is going to be a busy and exciting term. More information regarding the events will be sent home closer to the date.

The last day of Term 1 for students is Thursday 9 April 2020. School will resume for Term 2 on Tuesday 28 April 2020.

START TIMES

Kindergarten to Year 4: 8.45am
Years 5-6: 8.30am
Years 7-12: 8:25am

FINISH TIMES

Kindergarten-Year 2: 3.10pm
Years 3-6: 3.20pm
Years 7-12: 3:30pm

*All students must be at school at least 5 minutes prior to the start time.

These staggered times will help ease traffic congestion. Children are to be picked up no later than 3.45pm. Ensure all children are at school before the start times. Late arrivals must be taken to the front office and parents must sign in their children.

I strongly encourage parents to drop off children at the drop off zone in the morning to ease parking.

CARPARK

It is crucial that carpark rules are followed for the safety of all users. Please be courteous of others in the carpark.

Please note that the Staff Carpark is for Campus staff only. All parents and students (who choose to drive to school) must park in the designated space. To accommodate cars, some space has been made available close to the High School oval, however, parents and student must enter school premises via the front gate only. Please do not walk across the field to the classrooms.

* Parents are **not permitted to enter the high school building without a parent/visitor pass** which must be obtained from the Campus Admin Office.

* Parents **must not approach classrooms and teachers once school has begun** and must leave the school building when the bell rings.

ATTENDANCE

It is important that children attend school each day, on time to maximise their learning. Parents will be contacted if you child is found to be frequently late. If punctuality does not improve, disciplinary action will be taken. A student is considered frequently late when they are late for 3 times in a term.

A student will be considered late if they arrive after 8:30am for Years 5-12 and 8:45am for Years K-4.

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SCHOOL FEES

A reminder to pay your child's school fees this week.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please update your contact details (address, phone numbers and emails) at the Campus admin office. It is important that the School should be able to contact you when needed. Please update your emergency contacts if it has changed.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

A parent information session for Years K-6 will be held on Wednesday 5 February and for Years 7-10 on Thursday 6 February. It is crucial that parents attend these sessions.

Both sessions will begin at 4:00pm in the Campus Hall

PHONES

Please be reminded that all students must hand in their phones at the Admin Office and collect at the end of the day. Students are not permitted to have their phones on them at any time during the school day or at any school event. Students caught with their phones will face strict disciplinary action.

NO HAT NO PLAY

With the health and safety of students in mind, the School has a strict policy on hats. Any students without a school hat will not be able to participate in play at recess, lunch and sports. Hats are one of the most commonly displaced items so please ensure it is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

CANTEEN

Lunch orders must clearly display the students' name, class, food and correct amount enclosed. Please ensure lunch orders are placed in the lunch order baskets in each of the primary classroom. Secondary students must hand in their lunch orders before recess each day.

SPORTING MATTERS

This term students in Primary School will participate in gymnastics as their sport. Gymnastics will be coached by qualified instructors alongside classroom teachers. Please ensure you have completed the permission note and returned it to classroom teachers by Thursday 6 February 2020. Please be reminded Primary students are to wear their sports uniform every Thursday.

CRUNCH AND SIP

Our school is participating in the Crunch and Sip Program. We feel it is very important that growing children understand the importance of a healthy diet and exercise. Hence, as part of this initiative, children

are to bring a piece of fruit or vegetable for eating during crunch and sip which is usually in the morning. This also ensures children have the energy to stay alert and concentrate through the morning. For our younger grades we suggest fruits and vegetables to be washed and cut in bite size pieces. We also urge parents to pack a healthy lunchbox that includes sandwiches, fruits and vegetables. Please avoid packaged foods such as chips and lollies as they are high in salt, sugar and contain additives and preservatives. Also many children suffer from nut allergies, therefore DO NOT pack nuts or nut products such as peanuts, peanut butter or Nutella

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Each Friday there will be a high school assembly at 8:30am and primary assembly at 9:00am in the Campus Hall for announcements and to hand out awards. Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies.

CARPARK MATTERS



- Cars must reverse park at all times.
- Left turn out of the car park permitted only.
- 30 second time limit at the pickup/ drop off zone. (Driver must not leave the vehicle)
- 10km/h speed limit
- Always use zebra crossing (Do not walk across the carpark)
- 'NO STOPPING' at the roundabout.
- Students must only enter car or exit at Car Space 1, 2 or 3 or in cars parked in designated car spaces.

Failure to follow these guidelines puts the lives of our students and families at risk. Please remember that our school is private property and is protected under the Inclosed Lands Act, which includes schools.

UNIFORM MATTERS

Please ensure your child comes to school each and every day in full school uniform. This includes a school blazer (during cooler seasons and for special events) except on sports days with polished black shoes. Students must also have an official Malek Fahd School Bag. Sports uniform can only be worn on Sports Days and includes fully enclosed running joggers for students. A reminder that boys can only wear the 3/4 shorts during Terms 1 & 4. The primary sports day is



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Thursday. High School students will be advised on which days to wear their sports uniform this week. Any torn uniform must be replaced. Students must arrive at school each day looking neat, clean and presentable. Please be reminded that it is your responsibility to ensure this.

Please note girls in Years 3-6 must wear the School scarf (instant scarf) available through the uniform shop only. Primary girls are not permitted to wear scarfs that require pins for safety reasons.

*Due to the hot weather this Friday, students will be permitted to wear their sports uniform on the day only.

ALLWELL ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT

The Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 new students will sit the Allwell Academic Assessment on Tuesday 11 February. Students need to bring their stationery including pencils, black/blue pens, sharpener, ruler and eraser on the day. High school students should bring a calculator. All students must be at school no later than 8:45am.

TERM EVENTS

Week 1: School begins for Yrs 1-12 29 Jan

Year 7 Orientation 29 Jan

Kindergarten begins 30 Jan

Week 2: Years K-6 Parent Information Session 5 Feb

Years 7-10 Parent Information Session 6 Feb

Week 3: SRC Elections 10 Feb

Allwell Assessment 11 Feb

School Photos 12 Feb

PS Life Ed Incursion 13-19 Feb

Week 5: Clean Up Australia Day 28 Feb

Kind Regards,

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