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Head of Campus Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,
Assalamu alaykum wa ruhmatullahi wa barakaatuhu

I hope you are well and keeping safe. The work on our high school oval has begun this morning. It is an exciting time for our Campus as we grow and look forward to the new developments as per Mr Rixon's newsletter.

Student Diaries

The student diary is one of the many ways the School communicates with parents. Please ensure you sign your child's diary each week and sign it. Students who consistently forget to bring their diaries to school or consistently forget to have it signed by a parent each week will have to face disciplinary action.

Toilet Etiquette

The Campus employs two cleaners each day to ensure that cleanliness and hygiene is maintained. Despite numerous conversations with students, the toilets are still being misused. It would be appreciated if you could speak to your child about proper toilet etiquette such as:

- Flushing toilets after use.
- Placing used toilet paper inside the toilet and not leaving it on the floor.
- Wiping down the seat for any urine or faeces after use.
- Sanitary pads to be placed in the bins provided rather than being left on the floor.

Unfortunately, improper use of toilets has not only been noticed in junior primary but in high school as well. Please also speak to your child about not vandalising school property as we spend quite a substantial amount of money on repairs each year.

Littering

Despite numerous conversations around looking after

the environment by placing rubbish in the bins provided, some students continue to litter.

Please speak to your child about the importance of looking after our environment and our Campus not only from an environmental perspective but an Islamic perspective as well.

Uniform

Please ensure your child comes to school every day in full school uniform. Any torn uniform must be replaced. Students must arrive at school each day looking neat, clean and presentable. The Uniform Policy states that black, grey or white socks are to be worn. In the past we have permitted bottle green as well. Primary girls are not permitted to wear scarfs that require pins for safety reasons. As per the Policy, the dress length should come to the ankles.

Tights: it has been noticed that some girls are coming to school with loose fitting tights or mismatched tights and socks, for example, black tights with white socks or white tights with black socks. If girls choose to wear tights instead of stockings, then fitted tights and socks of the same colour is to be worn. Otherwise knee-high socks can be worn.

Shoes: Uniform Policy clearly states permissible shoes that can be worn. Some students have been seen wearing black joggers on non-sports days. Please be reminded that joggers are only permitted on sports days.

Hair: all boys hair must be neat and one-level. Students are not permitted to have undercuts.

It is important that all students wear the School uniform

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with pride. Failure to follow the Uniform Policy may result in an after-school detention. For any queries, please speak to the classroom or homeroom teachers.

Carpark Matters

- Cars must always reverse park. No parking is permitted in the morning under Covid-19 guidelines.
- Left turn out of the car park permitted only to ensure smooth flow of traffic.
- 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, 3, 4 or in cars parked in designated car spaces.

Please follow the directions of the security personnel to ensure the safety of all users. Failure to follow these guidelines puts the lives of our students and families at risk.

Attendance

Parents are required to **explain the absences** of their children from school promptly and **within seven days** to the school. Please remember that the explanation of the absence is your legal responsibility and as such you must respond to the text message you receive when your child is away from school. If the reason is other than sickness, then it is your responsibility to complete a Leave Form.

Punctuality

All students must be in class on time every morning. Primary students arriving in the classroom after 8:45am are considered late. High school students not seated in the classroom by 8:30am are considered late. The high school Homeroom time begins at 8:25am, therefore, students must aim to arrive at school at least 10 minutes prior, to have sufficient time to visit their lockers.

Students who are found consistently late to school will face consequences such as an after-school detention as per the School Policy.

R U OK? Week

Staff and students at Beaumont Hills were involved in R U OK? Week activities last week to remind people to ask their friends, family or peers the question, 'R U OK?' Students and staff wrote messages of hope.

EducAid presented an informative talk to the Years 7-9 students. A Friday morning tea for the Campus staff was provided.



Book Week Term 4

This year, Book Week will be held from 17-23 October. Unfortunately, it will be a bit different to previous years due to COVID-19. Students will be given the opportunity to dress up as their favourite character on Wednesday 21 October, however, the annual Scholastic bookfair or parent assembly will not be held. Again, this will all depend on the Covid-19 situation in Term 4. There will be planned activities for students to participate in.

The theme for Book Week this year is: Curious Creatures Wild Minds.

Canteen

All recess and lunch orders must be placed in the morning. Students are still not permitted to line up to purchase food from the canteen.

Think Before You Click

The eSafety Commissioner encourages parents, carers and educators to avoid raising the specifics of the graphic videos directly with young people who have not heard or been already exposed to. They do encourage proactive conversations with children and young people about distressing content they may come across while online and who they can turn to if they feel upset or distressed by anything online.

Additional support services:

- eSafety Commissioner (for kids, families and educators): <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>



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- Hayat Muslim Crisis & Helpline: 1300 9933 98
- Islamicare Parent and Youth Hotline: 1800 960 009 <http://islamicare.org.au/>
- Kids Helpline Official: 1800 55 1800. <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>
- Headspace 1800 650 890. <https://headspace.org.au/>
- Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467. <https://www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au/>
- Lifeline 13 11 14. <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>
- Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636. <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

5. Parents must not gather or socialise on Campus grounds.
6. Parents must have an appointment to see a staff member. No walk-ins permitted. Phone and email preferred.
7. Students must bring a filled water bottle from home.
8. Parents should speak to their children about avoiding close contact with their friends and regular handwashing.
9. Students must have a recess and/or lunch order from home. Students will not be permitted to line up and purchase food from the canteen.

Important Message to Parents

1. Sick students must not attend school. They must stay home until they are free from symptoms and/or negative Covid-19 test result.
2. Maintain physical distancing from other parents and teachers.
3. Drop off students at the carline in the morning. Parents will not be allowed to walk their children to the classroom.
4. Parents must wait inside their cars during carline.

NSW Health website

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/covid-19-resources.aspx> has useful information on Covid-19.

Kind Regards,

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