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INFORMATION UPDATE

FROM THE BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

Tuesday, 10 November 2020

Assalamualaikum

Thank you from the Board

The Board would like to acknowledge the excellent way in which students, parents and staff responded to the impact of COVID-19 on our Hoxton Park campus.

As soon as the cases at Hoxton park became known, the staff worked quickly and effectively with NSW Health and the Association of Independent Schools to put in place the actions required by the Health Department.

The Board is very grateful to everyone involved for the steps taken to not only to safeguard everyone's health but, with the closing of the campus, to quickly establish learning programs for the students.

This level of cooperation and collaboration was very impressive.

Parents Advisory Committee

The Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) has served the School for more than four years, providing valued support to the Board during very difficult times.

With the restoration of our Federal and State funding, the completion of significant governance and leadership reforms required to assure the future of Malek Fahd and the expiry of the terms of appointment for several experienced PAC members, now is the right time to evaluate the PAC and its role as a parents' adviser to the Board.

Much has changed for the better. With the resolution of the many issues that confronted the Board in the years since 2016, we need to make sure that our structures and processes are effective and adaptive to the ever-changing needs of students and the wider School community.

The Board has, therefore, decided that now is the ideal time to review the PAC and its operations to ensure that it is an effective contributor to the work of the School.

The terms of appointment of several experienced PAC members have come to an end. The Board acknowledges the contributions of Dr Ahmad Youssef, Bassam Sheikh, Kamal Hossain, Kamal Mahmud and Naseem Hawashin in support of the Board. Rather than re-appoint or replace them, the Board will take the opportunity to review and determine how the PAC, working within its Charter, can provide the most effective support to the Board into the future.

The Board has decided to suspend the operations of the PAC until the review is completed and findings known. It is expected that the review will be completed early in Term 1 next year. More details will be provided in later *Board Updates* about the review and how parents can contribute to this important activity.

If any parent has anything that they wish to discuss with the School, the usual procedures remain in place. These can be found on the School's website under the tab '*Information*' and then click on the link. This is the best way in which to resolve matters quickly and effectively.

Year 12

COVID-19 has made things very difficult for all students and their families and teachers. This has particularly been the case for our Year 12 students as they prepare for their HSC examinations.

We wish them all the very best for the future as exciting opportunities and pathways open up for them.

Wassalam

DR JOHN BENNETT

Chair