



11<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

Dear Parents of Greenacre Secondary students,

COVID-19 gave us a very unique experience of Ramadan this year and the recent Eid Al-Adha celebrations were less overt than in years gone by. At Greenacre Secondary we are always grateful for the opportunities presented that allow us to contribute to the community and for the platforms provided to us that allow for spiritual growth and worship. Thank you to all the parents for your support. May your prayers and sacrifices be accepted.

### Curriculum

Subject selection surveys are currently in progress for Year 8 and Year 10 students. Links were sent out to students and parents two weeks ago. They need to be completed by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Year 12 students are currently completing their Mock Trial HSC papers. The Trial HSC examinations begin on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you to all the parents and teachers of Year 12 students for their endeavours to provide the best of support and education leading into the 2020 HSC Examinations.

The UNSW ICAS Tests: **Science - 17 August, English - 24 August, Maths - 31 August.** These exams target students' higher-order thinking and problem solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies. These ICAS assessments will take place online.

### Careers

Year 12 students will be receiving an information package from Mrs. Khallaf in the coming weeks. This will provide them with an abundance of information and advice as they apply for University places in 2021.

A regular careers newsletter is also sent out.

### Wellbeing

Year 7 and Year 10 students will be participating in scheduled study skills workshops. **Year 10 Elevate study skills workshops: Thursday 13 August, Year 7 Elevate study skills workshops: Friday 14 August.**

These workshops will be held at school. These high impact workshops are designed to help students improve their study techniques, increase motivation, build confidence, and lift exam performance. Elevate's study skills seminars also aim to achieve behavioural change amongst students.

### General

In the next few weeks, aspiring future leaders will be selected and confirmed for Greenacre Secondary 2021 SRC.

Greenacre Secondary Recess and Lunch/Prayer arrangements continue to be held in two sessions. This allows for better social distancing measures. Parents should remind their child about the importance and benefits of prayer. Students behaving inappropriately inside the Mosque will not be allowed inside the facility.

Students bringing e-cigarettes, vaping devices and other illicit paraphernalia on school grounds will be putting their school enrolment at risk. Part of the expectations at Malek Fahd Greenacre Secondary is that our students are always dressed in full school uniform. This includes short, neat and one level haircut for boys, and no nail polish, make-up or Jewellery to be worn to school by any of the students. Boys are not allowed to have shaved undercuts, spikes, decorative lines in their hairstyles, or long hair below the collar.

If your child is unwell, even if they have mild symptoms (cough, runny nose, sore throat, nausea, decreased appetite, fever, body aches, diarrhoea, headache, chest pain, difficulty breathing) they must not attend school. You must keep them home and away from others until they have been checked by a doctor. In some circumstances you may be asked to present a clearance letter from your doctor before your child can return to school.

### Students travelling via Bus

Students who misbehave on school Buses risk losing the privilege of using the service.

Bus Services have requested that I inform parents and students of the significant change created by the introduction of the School Opal cards. Students need to tap on and off when they travel to and from school. Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students do not tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due the lack of recorded patronage.

If your child does not have a School Opal card or their details have changed then please visit [www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/](http://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/). Damaged or lost School Opal cards can be replaced by completing the form found at <https://ssts%1fapply.transport.nsw.gov.au/ApplySSTS/Replace> <https://sstsapply.transport.nsw.gov.au/ApplySSTS/ReplaceCard.html>

Regards,

Yours Sincerely

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