



# MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

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Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

I would like to welcome our students back to school this year as well as the many new enrolments. Welcome also to parents and wishing you and your children a prosperous year. The Greenacre Secondary School has started full of energy, optimism and enthusiasm. I look forward to a successful 2020. I look forward to working with you and your children.

## HSC 2019

Our HSC cohort performed admirably. Congratulations to our Dux, Ahmed Abid. All our students will be able to make it to various universities around Sydney. All HSC teachers are applauded in having guided each student to achieve best individual results. The teachers, students and parents are congratulated and commended for their work. We have a very experienced line-up of teachers and a robust curriculum with a variety of subjects this year on offer. As always, we will thoroughly analyse our results to see where we can continue to improve and hone our teaching and assessment practices. We will continue to focus and strive for excellence in academic performance across all KLA's.

## Year 7 Orientation

To help with the transition from Primary into Secondary schooling, the orientation program for Year 7 students was held at the Greenacre Campus on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of January. Normal lessons for Year 7 began on Friday as per the timetable. The program covered School Structure, Subject Familiarisation, Study skills, School Discipline Policy, Anti bullying and Cyber Safety, Resilience, Team Building and more. The feedback from the students, teachers and parents gave the program big thumbs up. I would like to thank Ms Bahija Elmir and Mr Roubaie for the development and implementation of the program and also express my gratitude to Mr Khoder and Ms Kbbar and Secondary staff for their assistance and guidance.

## Curriculum

To ensure parents are informed about important information for students:

Parent Information Afternoon for Year 7 and 8 (Stage 4) will be held on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February at 2:45pm.

Parent Information Afternoon for Year 9 and 10 (Stage 5) will be held on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February at 2:45pm.

Parent Information Afternoon for Year 11 and 12 (Stage 6) will be held on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm.

Parents are strongly urged to attend. Letters will be sent out to parents detailing the agenda for these Parent Information sessions. All sessions will be in the Greenacre Secondary School Hall.

Year 9 and 11 students have been given a trial period for elective subjects. Deadlines for changing elective subjects for Year 9 will lapse very soon. It is imperative that parents are involved and supportive in their child's subject selections and patterns of study. Students are given advice from their teachers and experienced heads of department reflecting the student's abilities and achievements to date. This advice is given with the aim of maximising the students' performance and in the case of Year 11 and 12 to give the student the best opportunity to achieve their goals. Student records outlining student subject choices will be submitted to NESA in the coming weeks.

Deputy of Teaching and Learning, Mr David Hamper organised a Year 12 Student meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Mr Hamper delivered a talk and PowerPoint presentation to all Year 12 students in the Hall. The information presented included: study organisation and planning, HSC advice, School-life balance, subject selection, assessments, plagiarism, support, NESA accounts, motivation, attendance and punctuality.

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## **Email Accounts for Secondary Students**

Your child should have their own School email address and computer login details to use School computers for learning purposes. Year 7 and new students will be issued with accounts by the IT department. They need to activate their accounts and change their password at their first login. **The School's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Email Policy and Agreement should be read by all parents and students.** We expect appropriate and acceptable use of Malek Fahd Islamic School computer facilities, internet and email for the purposes of fostering educational activities at School. **Year 7 and new enrolments will need to read, sign and return the Policy to the school. Student email and login will not be provided to students until this form is completed and signed by both the students and parents.**

## **School photos**

School photos will be taken during week 3. Please ensure students are in full school uniform and that haircuts comply with School policy. The date for **Greenacre Secondary: Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

## **Medicine Information Session**

Organised by our Careers advisor, Mrs Assaf Khallaf and presented by 2019 alumni, Ahmed Abid an information session for interested Year 11 and 12 students will be held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February at 3:30pm in the Secondary Hall. Ahmed will talk to the students interested in medicine about succeeding in UCAT exams.

## **General-School Rules/Protocols**

The Home Room was introduced in 2018 as part of the school's wellbeing initiative. During Home Room time; civics and citizenship, character building activities, study skills workshops and peer to peer communication sessions are run. All activities are underpinned by Islamic values and teachings. We will be continuing with the program and hope to build on the success of this initiative.

As per our Discipline Policy, Afterschool Detentions will run from 3:35 to 4:20pm every Thursday afternoon. Parents will need to arrange suitable transport if their child is issued with an Afterschool Detention.

I would like to remind parents about students accessing their mobile phones without authorisation from staff. The misuse of mobile phones has the potential to adversely impact the wellbeing and learning outcomes of our students. As such, to ensure a safe learning environment for all students, the school's stance is a zero tolerance approach towards the use of mobile phones by students. Under no circumstances are students permitted to use mobile phones inside school grounds. They must be switched off and placed in their bags or lockers.

In the event that a student is caught with, or using a mobile phone, the phone will be confiscated for the day, the student will receive an afterschool detention and parents/guardians will be called to collect the device. If the same student is caught using a mobile phone a second time, they will receive a second afterschool detention and this will automatically lead to an internal suspension. The device will also be confiscated and parents/guardians will be notified to collect the device.

Contact with parents in the event of illness or other urgent matter will be managed through the school office after a student has been referred to or attended the sick bay for treatment or assistance. Should a parent need to contact their child during school hours, they must do so through the front office, and should not contact the student's phone. We look forward to your cooperation.

Performing the Zuhr Prayer together as a school is one of the most important parts of the school day. Students are to implement the best of behaviour and manners in the "Mosque". Parents are asked to reinforce these expectations with their child.

The first bell rings at 8:25am. Students are to be in classrooms at this time. Please ensure your child is not loitering in Chullora Marketplace after 8:15am. If your child is late to school three times per term he/she will be placed on an Afterschool detention.

## **Lateness**

***It is important that parents take responsibility for ensuring that their children are on time for school. Being prompt contributes to a sound educational, well-organised environment for their children on a daily basis.***

***Being punctual also helps to instil a proper attitude towards school and minimises disruption. Parents teach consideration for others and promote a positive attitude by assuring their child's promptness. Children who arrive late disrupt the learning of classmates as well as the efforts of the teacher.***

***Students must arrive at school by 8.25 am as Period 1 starts at 8.30 AM.***

***Any student who is late must report to the office, sign in, and receive a late pass to class.***

### **ACCUMULATED LATENESS (Per Term):**

**LATE 1: Parent's will be informed via SMS of their child's lateness.**

**LATE 2: A warning letter shall be sent home to the parent. The form will state the dates your child has arrived to school late. The respective Year Advisor will also phone the parent and inform them that the next lateness will incur an afterschool detention.**

**LATE 3: Welfare will issue an afterschool detention.**

**LATE 4: If lateness persists parents will be asked to come in for a meeting with the Head of Campus, Mr Dib. The purpose of this meeting will be to resolve this educational problem.**

Students taking unapproved leave during the school term is highly discouraged and negatively impacts on your child completing curriculum requirements. Please refer to our policy on this aspect.

### **Reminders**

Please make every effort to abide by traffic rules when dropping off and picking up your child from School. Please show due respect to all Staff on duty at these times. We are all working together to keep all children safe.

Parents Parking Please note: Suttons, Chullora management would appreciate no parents blocking their driveways whilst dropping off or picking up children in the morning or afternoon. Parents need to be aware that cars and delivery trucks need to use their driveways throughout the day and this is why it needs to remain clear. Council rangers will be notified to fine any parents parking illegally on their property.

*Please be aware EWE Global Express Transport Group will be operating out of the industrial complex next to our school. Their management would appreciate no parents blocking their driveway whilst dropping off or picking up children in the morning or afternoon. Parents need to be aware trucks will be using their driveways throughout the day.*

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://ssts%1fapply.transport.nsw.gov.au/ApplySSTS/Replace)<https://sstsapply.transport.nsw.gov.au/ApplySSTS/ReplaceCard.html>

I look forward to your support, wishing everyone a successful and prosperous year.

Yours Sincerely

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