



13 November 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

NEWSLETTER



Assalamu Alaykum WRWB,

Hoxton Park Return from Remote Learning

Yesterday all students and Hoxton Park returned to school following two weeks of home quarantine. It was wonderful to greet everyone in the morning at the School gate and then at the Secondary and Primary Assemblies. I am very proud of all students and staff for the way they adjusted to learning remotely for the second time this year. Learning through Teams went well. I had the privilege of reading to the two Kindergarten classes and to Year 5A. It was very pleasing to see students readily engaged with the teacher, and each other, through Teams. I thank all for ensuring the COVID-19 testing was undertaken. So many staff and executives worked hard to ensure the appropriate support during Hoxton Park lockdown. The campus has been deep-cleaned and the School is vigilant to ensure all appropriate measure are taken for all to practice sound hygiene.

HSC 2020 Completed

Tuesday marked the last of the Higher School Certificate examinations for our students and brings to an end the HSC for the class of 2020. It has certainly been a challenging year for the students and indeed their families. The students have shown great resilience and perseverance throughout the turmoil of 2020 and the entire School community is very proud of them. 2020 marks the first Year 12 cohort to graduate from the Hoxton Park campus. It is a very proud moment for this campus and the School. I congratulate each and every one of our Year 12 students for their resilience, courage and hard work.

Year 12 Graduation Day Wednesday 18 November

The end of the HSC is an important milestone in any child's life. As with any milestone it is important to acknowledge and celebrate the achievement. We will celebrate our Year 12 students on Wednesday 18th November at Quaycentre, Sydney Olympic Park at 10.30am. We are honoured that the Grand Mufti of Australia, Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohammed and the School Chairman, Dr John Bennett will be our special guests for the ceremony.

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to modify how we have celebrated the Class of 2020 and their achievements.

Due to social distancing and other COVID-19 prevention protocols, which must be strictly observed at the ceremony, Quaycentre has capped attendance numbers at 500. Therefore, this Year 12 Graduation Day will be for Year 12 students, their parents, Year 11 Compression Course prize winners, and a small number of staff and special guests. The requirements of NSW Health for public gatherings constantly change in response to prevailing transmission risk. Uncertainty is, of course, understandable and we all need to respond quickly to changes without warning.

Year 12 Graduation Dinner, Year 12 and Year 10 Formal

Regrettably COVID restrictions will also impact on the Graduation Dinner, Year 12 and Year 10 Formal, which we are also unable to hold in 2020. We are currently exploring options to replace the Year 12 Graduation Dinner early on next year. This was such a difficult decision to make. It has been an extremely disrupted year and I know all students were looking forward to these events. I realise how disappointing this news was for all involved. However, I know that all will understand that the health and well-being of the students, their families, our staff, and the wider community must be paramount in our thinking and planning. We look forward to providing further information to you about the events to celebrate the achievements of the class of 2020.

Operation Art 2020 News

Congratulations to Fatima Mian of 10G1 and Fayza Haque of 8G1 whose artworks were selected for the Operation Art 2020 exhibition at Sydney Olympic Park. Fatima and Fayza's artworks are exhibited at the Armory Gallery in Jamieson Street, Sydney Olympic Park from 15 October to 15 November 2020.

Operation Art is an annual art competition for NSW students to create artworks to brighten up the lives of sick children in hospital. Fatima's artwork has been selected

for Operations Art's Touring 50 in 2021. It will be exhibited at the Art Gallery of NSW, followed by a tour of regional galleries before being donated to The Children's Hospital at Westmead. The School is so proud of Fatima's amazing achievement!

Thank you very much to Ms Chi and Ms Cato for supporting this worthwhile opportunity for the students.



Earthworks at Hoxton Park

The extremely large mound of soil that has been stockpiled on the Hoxton Park Campus, in front of the stage 3 building site, since 2015 has been removed. To give some idea of the size of the mound, 1200 tonnes were trucked away and the remainder of the soil was used to fill in the surrounds of the car park. The aim is to prepare and turf the area and clear it for sporting grounds.



Re-Enrolment Forms

All parents are reminded to submit their child/ren's Re-Enrolment forms to the Administration Office as soon as possible to secure their enrolment for 2021.

2021 School Term Dates

Please be advised following are the dates of schooling for 2021. These dates have been published on the school website.

Term 1 - Thu, 28th January to Thu, 1st April 2021

Term 2 - Tue, 20th April to Fri, 25th June 2021

Term 3 - Tue, 13th July to Fri, 17th September 2021

Term 4 - Wed, 6th October to Fri, 10th December 2021

School Uniform Shop

New Kindergarten and existing Year 6 parents are required to schedule appointments before the shop closes (DECEMBER 11th) for their child's school uniform through the Midford online appointment link:

<https://Midford.as.me/MalekFahdIslamicSchool>

In order to deliver a personalised service and adhere to the current COVID-19 procedures, all visitors to the Uniform Shop including new and existing uniform fittings are **strictly by appointment only**. Students are to be accompanied at a fitting by no more than one parent. This is essential for the safety of both staff and customers.

Online Store

Parents are welcome to purchase through our online store via www.Midford.com.au

- Select Malek Fahd Islamic School Uniform Shop from the online School Shops tab
- Registering a new account - **the unique school pass phrase: Malek1989** will be required.
- Add your personal information, create a username and password

Should you require further information or details, please feel free to contact 0498 518 916.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Rixon'.

Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal