



15 February 2019

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

Welcome New Staff Appointments

I am delighted to welcome all our new staff, teachers, teacher aides and school counsellors who are joining us this year. Our new **School Councillors /Psychologist** are: Ms Fatima Masri and Ms Joanne Abdulwahed at Greenacre Campus and Ms Mahasen Jamal at Hoxton Park and Beaumont Hills. There are several new additions to our teaching staff. **Beaumont Hills Campus:** Ms Sajea Baburi, Ms Betul Tutka, Ms Jessica Le Quesne, Mr Ahmed Khalil. **Hoxton Park Campus:** Ms Nevine Tita, Ms Sara Afshar, Mr Abbas Makki, Mr Oscar Douglas, Ms Sita Khalil, Ms Saja Khodier. **Greenacre Primary:** Ms Hanin El Masri, Ms Cassandra Balk, Mr Matthew Bennett. **Greenacre Secondary:** Ms Joanna Cheok, Ms Leen Husari, Mr Dwayne Higgins, Ms Radia Hage, Ms Nour Ali, Mr Koray Kurt, Ms Zahida Zyreen Feroz, Ms Hiba Hassoun, Ms Josephine Kwon, Ms Ainslie Smith, Mr Aaqil Mohammed Ali, Sheikh Abdul Ghani Adra, Ms Merna Ghamrawi. **Learning Support/Teacher Aides:** Ms Mayada Ibrahim, Ms Rima Mourad, Mr Luke Shrubsole, Ms Deepika Aggarwal, Ms Tasneem Nasikwala, Ms Hiba Kraini and Ms Marisa Spagnolo. I look forward to working together as our School grows.

Welcome 2019 Kindergarten Students

A very warm welcome to our Kindergarten students at Malek Fahd Islamic School. This is sure to be an exciting time for you as your child begins their official journey to becoming a life-long learner. If you are a first time parent in Malek Fahd you will soon discover the amazing students, staff and community we have. I have visited each of the three campuses and am delighted how easily and quickly Kindergarten students have settled in the School routine.



Thank you to our dedicated and enthusiastic Kindergarten teachers and teacher aides for their commitment and support.



A huge welcome to students from other schools who have joined Malek Fahd for the first time going into various grades this year. I hope the transition has been smooth and our students and staff have been welcoming.

Orientation of Year 7 Students

To help with the transition from Primary into Secondary schooling, an Inaugural Orientation program for Year 7 students was held at the Greenacre and Beaumont Hills campus on the first two days of Term 1 schooling. The program led the students through different sessions, each with a main focus

area. The focus areas included: familiarisation with school structure, subject familiarisation, study skills, School Discipline Policy, anti-bullying, resilience and team building.

The program encompasses School structure, subject familiarisation, study skills, School Discipline Policy, anti-bullying, resilience, team building and more. Students were asked by various teachers in various classes if they enjoyed the activities and the response was very positive. Some comments made were, "We feel more ready to start", "It gave us time to get used to recess and lunch without worrying about homework." "It was nice to meet the SRC." "Now I know what to bring to class." Thank you to Ms Elmir, Mr Roubaie and Mr Shameem for the development and implementation of the program.



PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

A parent information session for will be held at each campus for all students and parents on the following days:

Beaumont Hills Campus

Years 7-10: Thursday 28th February
Years 11 and 12: Tuesday 5th March

Hoxton Park Campus

Years 9-11: Tuesday, 19th February
Years K-6: Friday, 22nd February at 2pm
Years 7-8: Friday, 22nd February at 3.30pm

Greenacre Campus

Stage 6, Years 11 and 12: Thursday, 14th February
Years K-2: Tuesday, 19th February
Years 3-6: Thursday, 21st February
Stage 5, Years 9 and 10: Thursday 21st February
Stage 4, Years 7 and 8: Thursday 28th February

Letters will be sent out with details about time, venue from the Heads of Campuses. It is important that parents attend these sessions.

School Photos

School photos will be taken in the coming weeks at Beaumont Hills and Hoxton Park campuses. Please ensure students are in full school uniform and that haircuts comply with the school policy. The dates for the two campuses are as follows:

Hoxton Park campus: Wed, 20th February 2019

Beaumont Hills campus: Wed, 27th February 2019

Greenacre Primary and Secondary students had their photos taken on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

ALLWELL Academic Assessment

The new students enrolled in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit the Allwell Academic Assessment. Students at Beaumont Hills and Hoxton Park Campuses completed their assessment on Wednesday, 13th February. The date for Greenacre Campus assessment is: Monday, 18th February. Please ensure all students bring their stationery including pencils, black/blue pens, sharpener, ruler and eraser on the day. High school students should bring a calculator.

Resignation of Dr Fariha Dib as Chair of the Parents Advisory Committee (PAC)

Regrettably, Dr Fariha Dib, President of our Parents Advisory Council (PAC) Committee, has tendered her resignation as PAC President. Dr Dib is a much respected community member who has provided calm, wise and strong leadership throughout very difficult and dark times. The School and the community are the better for her leadership. The Vice Chair, Mr Kamal Mahmud, will assume the role of President. We congratulate and thank him for taking on this important responsibility.

Dr Bennett, Chair of the Board advised in his last Information Update to register your interest in joining the PAC, via emailing your details to: pac@mfis.nsw.edu.au. In particular, the Board is looking for interested parents associated with the Hoxton Park and Beaumont Hills campuses to join the Committee. Parents from the Greenacre Campus also are most welcome to express interest.

Campus Developments

There is ongoing significant amount of work undertaken across all three campuses. Some of the classrooms have been or are in the process of being re-carpeted. Additional new air conditioners have been installed in Greenacre Primary. Hoxton Park and Beaumont Hills campuses both had new turf laid.

Mobile Phones

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 has 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 for one week 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.

Welfare and Wellbeing Team

Over the coming days, you will receive a welcome letter from your child's Year Advisor, providing you with an email contact details and the opportunity to communicate with the Year Advisor as your need arises. I encourage you to embrace this opportunity. Below is a list of the leadership and wellbeing team.

Deputy Principal Pastoral and Community: Mr Aiyub Ahmed

Head of Wellbeing:

Primary (Boys') Mr Yaakoub Saddik;

Primary (Girls') Ms Rania Charmand;

Secondary (Boys') Mr Billal Khoder;

Secondary (Girls') Ms Houda Kbbar

Welfare Coordinators - Greenacre

Years 7, 9, 11 Boys Ms Linda Nachar

Years 7, 9, 11 Girls Ms Nasheen Parker

Years 8, 10, 12 Boys Mr Ahmad Ismail

Years 8, 10, 12 Girls Ms Hanade Saddik

Year Curriculum Coordinators:

Greenacre: Ms Selvem Moodley, Ms Gay Howard, Ms Aqifa Bassett Uddin, Ms Dianne Sofios, Ms Iman Halbouni, Ms Assma Skaf, Ms Inass Khoder

Stage Curriculum Coordinators:

Hoxton Park: Ms Firoza Ahmed, Ms Fatma Molina and Ms Ferreen Rahim

Stage Curriculum Coordinators:

Beaumont Hills: Ms Zarghona Barez (Mat Position for Ms Cabe Colledge), Ms Vandana Karan and Ms Rukshana Musa

Year Advisors

Year 7	Boys	Mr Mustafa Roubaie
	Girls	Ms Bahija Elmir
Year 8	Boys	Ms Sharin Culleton
	Girls	Ms Claudia Simon
Year 9	Boys	Ms Thamina Kassar
	Girls	Ms Samara Jalloul
Year 10	Boys	Mr Ali Merhi
	Girls	Ms Kate Mitchell
Year 11	Boys	Ms Sindus Hamid
	Girls	Ms Rihana Bashir
Year 12	Boys	Mr Mohammed Hanif
	Girls	Ms Eman Taha

Parents Parking

Please note, 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 that trucks will be using their driveways throughout the day.

Term Dates 2019

Please note the School Term dates for 2019. Holidays should be taken within the Term break times to avoid and minimise disruption to your child's education.

- Term 1 - Wed, 30th January to Fri, 12th April 2019
- Term 2 - Tue, 30th April to Fri, 5th July 2019
- Term 3 - Tue, 23rd July to Fri, 27th September 2019
- Term 4 - Mon, 14th October to Wed, 4th December 2019

School Uniform Shop Appointments

Parents are requested to make an appointment for back-to-school 2019 and new enrolment uniform fittings. Call the Uniform Shop now on 0498 518 916 or email malek.fahd@midford.com.au to arrange an appointment. You are also welcome to purchase uniforms online at your convenience. Your order will be filled when the store is next open.

Website : <https://schoolshop.midford.com.au/login/>
passphrase: malek1989

We look forward to a very exciting year ahead. Already so much work has been undertaken during the holidays to prepare for the academic year. I look forward to welcoming students on their return on Wednesday and the Kindergarten students on Thursday. I wish you a very Happy Australia Day!

Yours sincerely



Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal