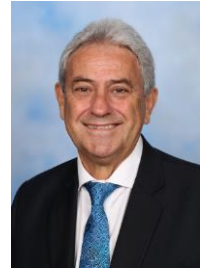




15 May 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

NEWSLETTER



Assalamu Alaykum WRWB,

Thank you to our staff, students and parents for an extremely smooth re-introduction of face to face learning across all campuses. It was fantastic to see the smiling faces and the energetic buzz as students connected with teachers and each other. Each Campus held a short welcome for the returning students. The aim of the gathering was to welcome the students back, to allay any uncertainty or anxiety they might have. They were assured that staff were there to support them as much as possible. We will follow this process for students returning next week.

The student attendance rate for all campuses was very high, an indication of the eagerness of the students to return to school. This eagerness was reflected by the staff too. Our Kindergarten and Stage 1 students must be commended on how splendid they looked on their first day back.

COVID-19 Stage 2 return to face to face teaching will commence on Monday, 18th May. The timetable is listed below. As we implement our "return to face to face teaching model" and return to normal, I request your support in ensuring your child comes to school appropriately dressed in full school uniform and appropriate haircuts.

Staggered Start and Finish

To assist with social distancing and wellbeing, there will be a staggered start and finish to the school day. During Ramadan, Primary School will commence at 9.00am and Secondary will commence lessons at 8.30am.

Greenacre Finish Time:

- Kindergarten students and their siblings will finish School at **1.15pm**.
- Years 1 - 6 students and their siblings will finish at **1.30pm**.

Beaumont Hills and Hoxton Park finish time: K-6 finish at 1.30pm.

Secondary students at the three campuses will finish at 2.00pm.

Drop off and Pick up Only

I have been delighted and would like to thank all parents for the very positive response to the request of drop off and pick up only. The traffic flow at all campuses has been smooth. I would like to remind the parents of additional grades returning next week of the essential measures put

in place to protect the health of our staff, students and parents. Signs have been placed at each campus indicating drop off and pick up expectations. The following will apply and parents are required to strictly abide by these requests.

- **Social distancing** must be strictly adhered to for the safety of staff, students and parents. The greatest risk of transmission in any school environment is between adults.
- **Greenacre** parents are required to drop and pick up their child at the top of the driveway.
- **Hoxton Park and Beaumont Hills** parents are required to drop and pick up their child at the School gate.
- Parents **must drop and pick up** only. Staff will collect your Primary child and take them to the assembly area.
- Parents **are not allowed** to walk their child to the Office or assembly areas.
- Parents **must not** gather and socialise.
- Parents are asked not to park and get out of their car.
- It is essential that all students are collected on time.
- Parents who wish to meet a staff member or an Executive must schedule a meeting outside drop off and pick up times. Telephone calls and emails are the preferred way to discuss your child with staff.
- The School has also implemented measures to maintain social distancing during the school day. This means that certain activities such as prayer and assemblies cannot take place.
- I ask parents to speak to their children about avoiding close contact with their friends.
- Break times, especially in Primary will be staggered to avoid overcrowding during play times.

2021 Kindergarten Enrolment

Kindergarten enrolments for 2021 have commenced. For enrolment, please contact the Administration Office to complete a Request for Admission Form. The Request for Admission Form is also available on the School website: <https://www.mfis.nsw.edu.au/how-to-enrol> . I ask that you have the Request for Admission Form completed and returned to the School by **Monday, 1st June** with the required documents. The **interview** process will commence on **Tuesday, 9th June**. This is a very exciting time for you and your child who is commencing School and I look forward to receiving your "Request for Admission" Form by Monday, 1st June.

2020 HSC

Today NESAs has released the 2020 HSC timetable. The timetable for each student is now available on their NESAs students online account and the NESAs website by clicking [HERE](#) . The start for the examinations has been delayed by 5 days to allow for additional revision time for the students.

Appointment of Greenacre Boys Welfare Coordinator

Congratulations to Ms Bahija Elmir who has been appointed to the position of Acting Boys Welfare Coordinator until the end of the year. This is a result of Mr Ismail's resignation for a leadership position in another School. Ms Elmir's dedication and compassion for the students is well known and noted in the School community.

The School Welfare Coordinators, Heads of Wellbeing, Year Advisors and School Counsellors as well as your child's class teacher are available to support your child in all aspects of their educational and wellbeing needs. Our School Counsellor's details are:

Hoxton Park: counsellingHP@mfnsw.edu.au

Greenacre Secondary: counsellingGS@mfnsw.edu.au

Greenacre Primary: counsellingGP@mfnsw.edu.au

Beaumont Hills: counsellingBH@mfnsw.edu.au

Students feeling unwell

If your child is sick, they **must not attend School**. You must keep them at home and away from others. This means that if your child has a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, they should stay home, even if the symptoms are mild. Please make sure they are well before returning to school. It is important that parents remind their child that, if they feel unwell, they tell you before coming to School. If your child is unwell at School, they must tell their teacher immediately. Unwell children will be isolated and parents will be required to collect them to take them home.

EID Holidays

EID is expected to fall on Sunday 24th May. Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th May will be an EID holiday at Malek Fahd Islamic School. There will be no School on these days.

Return to Face-To-Face Teaching Stages

Stage 2 Timetable: Commencing Monday, 18th May

In Stage 2 our goal is for every student to have an opportunity to return to face to face teaching at some time during the week.

Face-to-Face Classes in Stage 2 Secondary				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 12	Year 12	Year 12	Year 11	Year 12
Year 8	Year 10	Year 11	Year 7	Year 9

Face-to-Face Classes in Stage 2 Primary					
Year Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kindy	Kindy (½ Class) Group A	Kindy (½ Class) Group B	Kindy (½ Class) Group A	Kindy (½ Class) Group B	
Year 1				Year 1 (½ Class) Group A	Year 1 (½ Class) Group B
Year 2	Year 2 (½ Class) Group A	Year 2 (½ Class) Group B			
Year 3			Year 3 (½ Class) Group A	Year 3 (½ Class) Group B	
Year 4	Year 4 (½ Class) Group A	Year 4 (½ Class) Group B			
Year 5		Year 5 (½ Class) Group A	Year 5 (½ Class) Group B		
Year 6				Year 6 (½ Class) Group A	Year 6 (½ Class) Group B

Kind regards



Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal