



17th July 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

NEWSLETTER



Assalamu Alaykum WRWB,

Welcome back to an exciting and eventful Term 3! I hope everyone had a relaxing and safe break and ready to start with full of enthusiasm on **Monday, 20th July**.

As we commence Term 3, I would like to assure all parents that the School will be vigilant in maintaining the COVID-19 preventative measures implemented last Term. These include:

Maintain drop-off and pick-up process

I ask all parents to maintain physical distance from each other including from teachers and other students. Therefore, we will be maintaining the drop-off and pick-up process across the three campuses. It is simply parents dropping their child at the school gate and leaving. In the case of Greenacre Primary, it is dropping-off children, as if at the airport, and moving on.

Health and Hygiene Measures

It is important to continue to maintain good hygiene practices, including:

- Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds at regular intervals throughout the day
- Using the hand sanitizers located throughout the campuses on a regular basis
- Hand washing is essential before and after eating and after using the bathroom
- Cover coughs and sneezes with the inside of the elbow or a tissue
- Place used tissues straight into the bin
- Avoid touching the eyes, nose and mouth
- Do not share food or drink

General Health Advice

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.

The School has sufficient supply of hand sanitizers in stock across all campuses.

During the holidays all Campuses have been deep cleaned. As a further support towards the prevention of COVID-19, all air conditioning units have been serviced. We will continue to maintain this rigorous cleaning program.

School Canteen

The School Canteens across all campuses will continue to operate with **orders only**. There **will not** be any casual purchases made by students or morning orders from parents.

Temperature Check at Hoxton Park Campus

Due to Liverpool City being declared as a COVID-19 hotspot, to alleviate concerns, for the first week, additional preventative measure will be introduced from Monday for the safety of our School Community at Hoxton Park. Daily temperature checks will be conducted on all students at the beginning of the day. If a student has a temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or above, School will require for the student to return home. This will only be for Hoxton Park, unless the Health Department recommendations change. As per the 2020 AHPPC recommendations on reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission, "**schools should not** conduct wide-scale temperature checking of students as there is limited evidence to demonstrate the value of such checks".

It is important to note that the situation with COVID-19 and Government responses are fluid and, therefore, this plan is subject to change at short notice. Any required changes will be promptly conveyed to you.

IMPORTANT: Travel from Victoria

In keeping our community safe, if you or someone you have been in close contact with has travelled from

Victoria recently please contact the School immediately. Please follow the NSW Health guideline for COVID-19 restrictions to ensure your child/ren can return to school, or if self-isolation is required. These guidelines are found at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/interstate-travel.aspx>

Term 3 School Hours

School will revert to the following start time from Term 3 but to maintain social distancing, staggered finish times will continue at each campus as such:

Greenacre Secondary – 8.30am to 3.30pm

Greenacre Primary

Kindy – 8.45am to 2.50pm

Year 1 – 8.45am to 3.00pm

Year 2 – 8.45am to 3.10pm

Years 3 to 6 – 8.45am to 8.45am to 3.20pm

Hoxton Park

Kindy to Year 2 – 8.45am to 3.00pm

Years 3 to 6 – 8.45am to 3.15pm

Secondary – 8.25am to 3.30pm

Beaumont Hills

Kindy to Year 2 – 8.45am to 3.00pm

Years 3 to 6 – 8.45am to 3.15pm

Secondary – 8.25am to 3.30pm

HSC Trial

On 15 June, an email was sent to all Year 12 parents regarding the HSC Trials with the timetable attached and important information about preparations for these examinations. The HSC Trial Examinations will commence on Monday, 24th August and will conclude on Friday, 4th September.

HSC Holiday Classes

During the School holidays, Year 12 teachers provided additional classes in selected courses across the three campuses. These additional lessons enabled students to catch up and revise their HSC work. I am most grateful to those staff who gave up their valuable family time to offer our Year 12 students this opportunity.

Year 12 Graduation Ceremony and Dinner

The School anticipates holding the whole School ceremony at Sydney Olympic Park as in previous years for the Year 12 Graduation. Due to potential COVID-19 restrictions, if the whole School is not permitted, then alternative arrangements such as a smaller group with Year 10-12 students and Year 12 parents will be developed.

A Graduation Dinner is also planned for the Year 12 students. Due to restrictions, this may involve just the Year 12 students and their teachers with some invited

guests. The School is seeking a venue to cater for these numbers. As an alternative we are prepared to hold a function at School and delay the Graduation dinner until after the HSC examinations.

Opportunity (OC) Classes for High Potential Primary Students at Greenacre, Hoxton Park and Beaumont Hills

An Opportunity Class (OC) Program for primary school students of high academic potential will begin next year (2021) at Malek Fahd Islamic School across the three campuses of Greenacre, Hoxton Park and Beaumont Hills. The class will begin in Year 5 next year and will extend to Year 6 in 2022 at all three primary campuses.

The Malek Fahd OC Program will create a separate class for students who show consistently high potential through ALLWELL Testing, NAPLAN and teacher recommendation. Our Malek Fahd OC Program will engage each student in enrichment and high order learning and thinking activities. It will be delivered within the NSW curriculum to meet all learning outcomes and syllabus requirements.

Campus Developments during the Holidays

It has been an exciting Term 2 holiday break in which significant work has been undertaken across the three campuses. The Greenacre Primary Administration Office underwent renovations to create a more serviceable area and additional new office space. At Greenacre Secondary campus, numerous classrooms have been fully renovated. They were painted and, for the first time, carpet has been laid in these rooms over the tiled floors. This has lifted the profile of the rooms and will assist to minimise noise. At Hoxton Park campus, chain link fencing has been installed and concrete pathway slab replaced to ensure student and staff safety.

2020 Term Dates

The remaining 2020 Term dates are:

Term 3 - Mon, 20th July to Fri, 25th September 2020

Term 4 - Tue, 13th October to Fri, 4th December 2020

Kind regards,



Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal