



2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

## NEWSLETTER



Assalamu Alaykum WRWB,

There have been many challenges over the past few months and we should all be proud of how we have managed those as a community. I would take this opportunity to thank parents, students and staff for your understanding, calm and positive approach, especially the ever-evolving situation with COVID-19. Our students are now settled back into school and are doing well.

### Revised Term 3 Start Date

I, and the School Executive, have unanimously agreed that **students return to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July** and not the planned Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July. We see it as important that students gain as much face to face teaching time with their teachers as possible during this most unusual and disrupted time.

### Term 3 School Hours

School will revert back to normal start time from Term 3 but to maintain social distancing amongst parents, staggered finish times will continue at each campus as such: **Greenacre Secondary** – 8.25am 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

### 2021 Subject Selection

The School hosted its first online Parent Information Sessions this week for 2021 Year 9 and 11 elective subjects. The events were very well attended and demonstrated a new level of flexibility in being able to connect with parents and students. We understand that not everyone was able to attend and for this reason the

presentations are now available via the School website:

<https://www.mfis.nsw.edu.au/handbooks-stage-4-to-6> Students will be asked to complete an online form to make their initial subject selections early in Term 3.

### 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 trial examinations will commence in Term 3, on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> August and conclude on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### Reading During the Holidays

While students and teachers are no doubt looking forward to a well-earned break, you may also be wondering how to ensure all your hard work in helping students achieve results at school doesn't come undone. This is particularly important this year as students have had to adjust from classroom learning to the online environment and then back to the classroom again. There's plenty of research that indicates reading is key to achieving and sustaining educational outcomes. I would like to request all parents to encourage your child to read during this holiday.

### 2020 Term Dates

The last day of Term 2 will be Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July for all students and staff. The remaining 2020 Term dates are:

Term 3 - Mon, 20<sup>th</sup> July to Fri, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Term 4 - Tue, 13<sup>th</sup> October to Fri, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Happy Holidays

Have a safe and an enjoyable winter break. We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for Term 3 commencing on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

Kind regards,

Mr Bruce Rixon  
Principal