



20 May 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

## NEWSLETTER



Assalamu Alaykum WRWB,

It was wonderful to see more students return to school this week. The excitement of their return to school was reflected by the excitement of students and staff. 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.

I confirm the announcement of the NSW Premier that all students will **return to School, as normal from Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May**. For Greenacre Secondary, lessons will follow Week A of the timetable.

The day will commence with a short welcoming back to all students.

I request your support in ensuring your child comes to school appropriately dressed in full school uniform and with appropriate haircuts.

The following guidelines are in place to assist staff, students and parents as we usher in the return of all students to all three campuses:

- All lessons will be delivered “live”, face to face teaching in the classroom. I understand that some families may not wish to send their child to school, however, remote learning will not continue. For secondary classes we will be able to stream the lesson, but we will not deliver remote learning lessons as has been the case since March.
- Students in Years 7 to 12 will commence at 8:30am and finish at 3:30pm
- **Staggered start and finish time for Primary students of all Campuses:**
  - Kindergarten to Year Six will commence at 9.00am.
  - 3.00pm finish for Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 and their Primary siblings
  - 3.15pm finish for Year 3 to Year 6
- **Staggered break time** – Primary already have staggered breaks. Greenacre Secondary will have staggered breaks for Recess and Lunch. Mr Dib will confirm this detail later this week.

- 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.
- There will be no practical PDHPE lessons.
- **No Canteen**, at least for next week. Parents are requested to pack lunches and a drink bottle.
- **Drop off and Pick up only** will continue. I thank all parents for your support in this request.
- **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.
- 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 on School grounds.
- 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.
- I ask parents to speak to their children about avoiding close contact with their friends.

**In the event of a positive COVID-19 case** associated with the school or MFIS Community, Public Health will step in immediately and provide advice regarding the need for temporary closure (part or complete closure of campus depending on specific case), process of cleaning, and they will conduct contact tracing and make the necessary recommendations regarding self-isolation.

### 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, 1<sup>st</sup> June** with the required documents. The **interview** process will commence on **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> June.

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@mfis.nsw.edu.au](mailto:counsellingHP@mfis.nsw.edu.au)

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Beaumont Hills: [counsellingBH@mfis.nsw.edu.au](mailto:counsellingBH@mfis.nsw.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. Other symptoms of COVID-19 may include loss of smell, loss of taste, runny nose, muscle pain, joint pain, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting and loss of appetite. 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.

### Website Inspiration and Friday Sermon

Our Sheikhs across the three campuses have recorded Inspirational videos and Friday Sermons. These are placed on the school website under the Ramadan icon.

### EID Holidays

EID will be celebrated with a holiday on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May at Malek Fahd Islamic School. There will be no School on these days.

All teachers have done an amazing job in adjusting to the new world of remote teaching. Students too, quickly adjusted to remote learning and have been sending in their work. I wish to thank parents for your support, commitment and encouragement during the unusual and extra-ordinary times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are looking forward to the return of all students on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Eid Mubarak!



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