



27 September 2019

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB,

Year 12 Graduation Day

The Year 12 Graduation Day was held on Tuesday, 24th September at QuayCentre, Olympic Park and the Graduation Dinner that evening at Renaissance Function Centre, Lidcombe, were wonderful celebration events for our 122 graduating Year 12 students. Over 2500 students, staff, parents and special guests attended the occasion with an increased involvement by Year 12 parents which exceeded more than 200.

The presentation of the National Anthem, Nasheed groups and drumming were excellent and well received. Thank you to our Music teachers Ms Kwon and Ms Smith and Sheikh Fawaz. I congratulate and commend the younger students, in particular Kindergarten, on their excellent behaviour. They certainly got right into the adventure of this very big "excursion" experience.

Congratulations to all the students who have been named as leaders for next year. I have much pleasure in repeating to the Malek Fahd Islamic School community the names of the student leaders who will lead the student body in 2020 in their capacity as captains.

- Issac Keany and Saja El Dadoun (Greenacre)
- Shaheen Khalil and Isaac Al Mohammad (Hoxton Park)
- Mohamed Omer and Muqaddas Butt (Beaumont Hills)

We certainly look forward to a positive and constructive year ahead where we can consider their input and perspectives to offer improved educational opportunities for all our students.

Special mention must however be made of our outgoing school captains, Yasmine Bizri and Ahmed Abid (Greenacre Campus), Ayesha Rajwani and Medhat Omer (Beaumont Hills Campus), who besides their school-based leadership, have also represented the

school proudly in so many different public forums during their tenure.

The strategic planning and logistics in moving the students and staff from each campus, preparing the Year 12, the organisation of awards, the program and invitations were immense and went extremely smoothly. The day was so successful and a great staff team effort. So many people have been key to ensure the success of the day. I wish to highlight the outstanding organisation of Mr Stephen Lord, Ms Kbbbar, Mr Khoder, Mrs Haq, Mrs Ali and Mrs Thomas as well as the Administration team of each campus. However, I was disappointed in the absence of a number of students. I will be writing to all parents of children who were absent on the day.

Year 12 Presentation Day is a whole school event and a compulsory day of schooling. We are a family. As a family, we celebrate and congratulate the efforts and success of our students.



The Graduation Dinner

The Year 12 Graduation Dinner was a fitting way to farewell the Class of 2019 and celebrate their wonderful achievements and memories. There were approximately 550 guests in attendance including students, parents, staff and distinguished guests. The evening comprised of speeches by the Board Chairman Dr Bennett, the School Principal Mr Rixon, the Heads of Campus Mr Ali Dib and Mrs Mehar Khan and our outgoing School Captains. The guests were entertained with slide show compilations produced by the students which provided a snapshot of their school experience. The graduands were also presented with keepsake gifts from the school. The food was delectable and the atmosphere of the night was one to be remembered. The program, organisation of the night and compilation of gift packs, students videos and student speeches were facilitated by the Heads of Wellbeing in order to ensure that the night was a memorable one. I would like to thank Ms Kbbbar, Mr Khoder the Administration team for their tremendous contribution.



Good Luck HSC Students

Year 12 students will commence their Higher School Certificate on Thursday, 17th October with English Paper 1. All Year 12 cohorts including students from Beaumont Hills will undertake their HSC at the Greenacre Campus. HSC will conclude on Monday, 11th November and the results will be available on 17th December 2019. I would like to wish the Year 12 students of Malek Fahd Islamic School all the very best during this sometimes stressful time. As you close the door on your secondary education, let another open with endless possibilities. Remember the past, live in the present and look forward to the future. I would also like to thank our teachers for the superb guidance and support provided for all Year 12 students.

2020 Term Date

Please be advised the following are the dates of schooling for 2020. These dates have been published on the school website.

Term 1 - Wed, 29th January to Thu, 9th April 2020

Term 2 - Tue, 28th April to Fri, 3rd July 2020

Term 3 - Tue, 21st July to Fri, 25th September 2020

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

Term 3 Holidays

Term 3 School holidays will commence on Monday, 30th September and end on Friday, 11th October 2019. Students will return to begin Term 4 on **Monday, 14th October.**

Farewell Ms Sarah Cachia

After almost 20 years of wonderful service and dedication to the School, our Ms Sarah Cachia, who has been on long service leave, has resigned. Ms Cachia has been an amazing Visual Arts teacher and a mentor to so many staff and students at Malek Fahd Islamic School. Working at multiple campuses, Ms Cachia has built the Art department from scratch to what it is today. She is held in high esteem with our Students and Staff. I wish Ms Cachia all the very best in her new endeavours.

As we move into the holidays, whatever you are doing, wherever you go, have a safe, restful and very happy holiday. I look forward to seeing you all in October.

Kind regards,

Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal