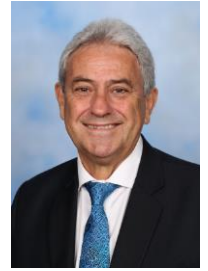




3 April 2020

## NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB,

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have just completed the second last week of schooling for Term 1, and the second week of remote learning due to COVID-19. I wish to thank and congratulate our dedicated team of teachers and administration staff who work so hard to ensure the best of education for your child under these extraordinarily difficult times. The speed at which you have all embraced remote learning is been quite remarkable. We have made every effort to ensure students, Year 3 to 12, have the necessary devices to continue with their studies. We are in the process of ordering more devices for our students.

### Communication

There have been a number of avenues of communication to parents and students throughout the week. They include text messages to parents, telephone calls by teachers to students via parents, online team meetings for year groups and for classes, as well as updates from Heads of Campus and me. Every effort has been made by our staff to communicate with your child to ensure their well-being and to gather any concerns your child may have surrounding the lessons that have been delivered. All K-6 parents are reminded to please check your emails for your child's work and updates. Year 7-12 parents please ensure your child logs in daily and does assigned work on Microsoft teams. Also see website for Covid-19 updates, remote learning, tutorial videos and teacher email addresses.

### Wellbeing Tips for Parents and Students

The well-being of pastoral care of your child is extremely important to us. The School Counsellors and Heads of Wellbeing have put together tips and suggestions of good study practices, including exercise for your child. These have been emailed to parents. Other parenting tips from our School Counsellors have been placed on the school website.

### Sheikh's Messages

I am delighted that we are able to record and upload Friday Sermons and inspirational messages from our esteemed Sheikhs. This could not be possible without the assistance of Sheikh Fawaz and Sheikh Yousef. The

sermons and messages have been uploaded to the School website and may be found under the tab coronavirus on the front page of the School website:

<https://www.mfis.nsw.edu.au/news/message-from-sheikhs>

### Student Feedback on Remote Learning

I would like to share this after what's been a pretty tough time for our students especially the year twelves. Mr Hamper followed up with some students who were really struggling with the change and got this message back from one of them, "... I would like to let you know that most of us are getting through this including me and as the days go on more work is being completed and submitted. The first few days were a big shock to most of the students and it was difficult to adapt to the new changes and the amount of workloads we were getting. We have received much support from our teachers and immediate responses which has made the work manageable. Plus extended time on our homework was given to us as our teachers were aware of the situation. Once again thank you for your time and effort put into this to help the Year 12 students"

### Wellbeing, Counsellors and Welfare

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

Greenacre Secondary: [counsellingGS@mfis.nsw.edu.au](mailto:counsellingGS@mfis.nsw.edu.au)

Greenacre Primary: [counsellingGP@mfis.nsw.edu.au](mailto:counsellingGP@mfis.nsw.edu.au)

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

Beaumont Hills: [counsellingBH@mfis.nsw.edu.au](mailto:counsellingBH@mfis.nsw.edu.au)

NSW Health has very useful website on COVID-19 with helpful information in multiple languages: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/covid-19-resources.aspx> **Attached** is a resourceful tip for parents from Triple P 'top tip' for this uncertain times.

I remind parents that School remains open. This means of course that the Administration Office is open at each Campus. I wish you all a very safe and healthy weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Bruce Rixon  
Principal