



8 May 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

NEWSLETTER



Assalamu Alaykum WRWB,

COVID-19 Welcome Return to School

Stage 1 face-to-face teaching will commence on Monday, 11th of May for Years 12, 11, Kindergarten, Years 1 and Years 2. Other Year groups will maintain remote learning. Monday 18th May the remaining Year groups will return to School. It will be exciting to see all the students again. The timetable is listed below.

The staged return of students will be controlled and progressive with the health and wellbeing of staff and students at the forefront of our planning. It is important to note that the situation with COVID-19 and government responses is fluid and, therefore, this plan is subject to change at short notice. The National Cabinet meets today (8 May) to consider further relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions. Any required changes will be promptly conveyed to you.

Staggered Start and Finish – Stage 1

To assist with social distancing and wellbeing, there will be a staggered start and finish to the school day. During Ramadan, Primary School will commence at 9.00am and Secondary will commence lessons at 8.30am.

Greenacre Finish Time:

- Kindergarten students and their siblings will finish School at **1.15pm**.
- Years 1 and 2 students and their siblings will finish at **1.30pm**.

Beaumont Hills and Hoxton Park finish time: K-2 finish at 1.30pm.

Years 11 and 12 students at the three campuses will finish at 2.00pm.

It is essential that the School put in place measures to protect the health of our staff, students and parents. Signs have been put up at each campus indicating drop off and pick up expectations. The following will apply and parents are required to strictly abide by these requests.

- **Social distancing** must be strictly adhered for the safety of staff, students and parents. The greatest risk of transmission in any school environment is between adults.
- **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.
- Parents **must drop and pick up** only. 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** to gather and socialise.
- 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.
- 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.
- I ask parents to speak to their children about avoiding close contact with their friends.
- Break times, especially in Primary will be staggered to avoid overcrowding during play times.

Student Wellbeing to Return to School

We understand that return to School for some students will be similar to commencing a new year of Schooling. Time will be allocated in the beginning of each lesson for staff to reconnect with their students, to check-in on how they are travelling emotionally and educationally. 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

Greenacre Secondary: counsellingGS@mfis.nsw.edu.au

Greenacre Primary: counsellingGP@mfis.nsw.edu.au

Beaumont Hills: 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, shortness of breath, they should stay home, even if the symptoms are mild. 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.

Attendance on Non-Scheduled Face to Face Teaching Days

Supervision will be provided for students who need to attend School on days other than their scheduled face-to-face learning days. This will be as it currently is with students supervised while completing their remote learning work.

Students Not Attending

You may decide to not send your child to School during this transitional phase. For these students, remote learning will be available, including the days that the students are scheduled to attend School. However, this cannot be in the same format as it is now. In Secondary, teachers will stream their conventional face-to-face lessons on to Teams. In Primary, students will be provided with work through the email system as is currently done but there will not be Teams lessons / interactions on scheduled face-to-face days.

Remote Learning

Remote Learning will continue in its current form for classes that are not scheduled to return to face-to-face teaching.

Health and Hygiene Measures

The School is following the NSW Health Guidelines of hygiene practice to protect against infection and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Parents and carers of children and young people with complex medical needs are encouraged to seek medical advice from their health practitioner. This will support informed risk assessment and decision-making regarding the suitability of on-site education for your child.

I ask that everyone maintains good hygiene practices:

- Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds at regular intervals throughout the day
- Hand washing is essential before and after eating and after going to the toilet.

- 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

As I mentioned in my recent update, the School has been fogged and sterilised. Surfaces and door handles are wiped and cleaned at least twice a day.

Automated hand sanitizers have also been purchased. These have been installed at each campus in the high traffic areas such as common areas, staff rooms and Admin Offices.

School Bus Service

As Term 2 resumes, the bus company has written to confirm its approach to the well-being of passengers. It confirms that it continues to follow the advice of the World Health Organisation, Federal and State Health Departments to ensure the continued safety and wellbeing of staff and the communities that we serve.

Measures include:

- Continued intense cleaning regime – the bus fleet, interchanges and depots are deep cleaned and sanitised to minimise the spread of germs.
- Practicing social-distancing on board – exclusion zones are in place on board to help create more space between drivers and passengers. A lower number of passengers creates adequate social spacing.

Masks and other personal protection equipment are available for drivers. Drivers are also equipped with hand sanitiser and disinfectant spray to help sanitise their driver's cabin area before and after shifts. Any employees displaying flu-like symptoms will be sent home immediately.

Senior Secondary Student and Devices

During this transitional period, secondary students will be asked to bring their laptop/iPad to School if possible. This will assist them if their class teacher needs to deliver their lesson remotely because of their need to be isolated.

EID Holidays

EID is expected to fall on 24th May. At this stage, Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th May will be an EID holiday at Malek Fahd. There will be no School on these days. I am most grateful to all teachers and staff for the way they have adapted to maintain the best possible teaching as a result of COVID-19. I thank you for this and for the ongoing commitment to all students in your care. Please refer to the School website for updates and advice on COVID-19.

Return to Face-To-Face Teaching Stages

Stage 1 Timetable: Commencing Monday, 11th May

In Stage 1, our focus will be on returning senior students and younger primary students. Primary classes will be split into half classes (a Group A and a Group B) determined by alphabetical order to maximise teacher/student interaction and to enhance social distancing. Heads of Campus have confirmed your child's group.

Timetable

Face-to-Face Classes in Stage 1 Secondary				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 12	Year 11	Year 12	Year 11	Year 12

Face-to-Face Classes in Stage 1 Primary				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kindy (½ Class) Group A	Kindy (½ Class) Group B	Kindy (½ Class) Group A	Kindy (½ Class) Group B	
Year 2 (½ Class) Group A	Year 2 (½ Class) Group B		Year 1 (½ Class) Group A	Year 1 (½ Class) Group B

Stage 2 Timetable: Commencing Monday, 18th May

In Stage 2 our goal is for every student to have an opportunity to return to face to face teaching at some time during the week.

Face-to-Face Classes in Stage 2 Secondary				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 12	Year 12	Year 12	Year 11	Year 12
Year 8	Year 10	Year 11	Year 7	Year 9

Face-to-Face Classes in Stage 2 Primary					
Year Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kindy	Kindy (½ Class) Group A	Kindy (½ Class) Group B	Kindy (½ Class) Group A	Kindy (½ Class) Group B	
Year 1				Year 1 (½ Class) Group A	Year 1 (½ Class) Group B
Year 2	Year 2 (½ Class) Group A	Year 2 (½ Class) Group B			
Year 3			Year 3 (½ Class) Group A	Year 3 (½ Class) Group B	
Year 4	Year 4 (½ Class) Group A	Year 4 (½ Class) Group B			
Year 5		Year 5 (½ Class) Group A	Year 5 (½ Class) Group B		
Year 6				Year 6 (½ Class) Group A	Year 6 (½ Class) Group B

Kind regards



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Principal