



8 October 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

NEWSLETTER



Assalamu Alaykum WRWB,

Welcome to Term 4. I do hope you are well. I know many of our families have been greatly impacted with COVID-19 and our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time for a speedy recovery. Conversations with the Heads of each Campus indicate that students have settled well into their studies. This term marks the commencement of the HSC path for our Year 11 students. During my virtual assembly on Tuesday with Year 11 from each campus, I welcomed them to Year 12 and reminded them of the focused journey they need to undertake during this unusual time with COVID.

No doubt you will have heard that the NSW Government has accelerated the return to school roadmap. The latest update received yesterday and confirmed this morning, is that school will move from Level 4 to Level 3 plus restrictions. There are special guidelines for Level 3 plus which will be provided to parents next week. This will include information for 2021 Year 12 students.

The Executive met today and discussed all options for the return of students. Details of the decision on the return to school roadmap will be provided to parents early next week.

When students return to the school, **all students of Years 7 to 12 will be required to wear a mask at all times (indoors and outdoors), with the exception of when they are eating.** The wearing of masks will reduce the risk of transmission. If your child has a certified medical condition that prevents mask wearing, please contact your child's Head of Campus or the relevant Year Advisor to advise them of the condition. We will need to take additional steps for these students to minimise the risk of air borne transmission. The School is conscious of the issue surrounding "cohorting" of students from different

year groups and is considering options available to minimise such student interaction.

I wish to assure parents that practical arrangements to do with room ventilation, sanitisation points and classroom set ups are being attended to. An audit of our classrooms and air conditioners is being undertaken across the three campuses.

When School opens, parents will not be allowed on the School site. The only exception will be at Greenacre Campus where parents may drop off and pick up their child, without getting out from the car, and parents who walk their child to Primary sector. These parents must remain on the oval side of the driveway and are not to enter the Secondary campus.

I will continue to keep you updated on when students are able to return to School. In the meanwhile, I wish all students well as they return to their studies, in particular Year 12 as they continue to prepare for their HSC.

Kindergarten Interviews

Online interviews for 2022 Kindergarten cohorts have commenced for the Greenacre Campus. Interviews for Beaumont Hills and Hoxton Park campuses are well underway.

Mental Health Month

October marks national Mental Health Month and Sunday October 10 is World Mental Health Day. MFIS Counsellors would like to take this opportunity to remind all of some Duas that assist us during challenging times and with our mental health (please see attached). MFIS is launching Mental Health Month with a Colouring Competition! Colouring can be very calming for young and old and encourages creativity which strengthens our resilience and problem-solving

skills. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of Mental Health Month! We hope families find the attached tip sheet on supporting children return to school useful. Please reach out to counselling team if your child requires support or if you would like further information on initiatives or workshops running this month.

Daily Islamic Reflection

I remind parents of the daily inspirational messages and Islamic reflections at 1.15pm. The Friday sermons will also continue be presented online at 1.15pm. I encourage all students to join each day for this time of prayer and inspirational messages.

QR Codes and Check in: Any parent coming on site to any campus is required to check in via the Service NSW QR Code, which is displayed around the school campus. Please ensure that you check out on departure.

Canteen: Please note, the canteen will remain non-operational during the lockdown period.

2022 School Term Dates

Please be advised the following are the dates of schooling for 2022. These dates have been published on the school website.

Term 1 - Monday 31st January to Friday 8th April

Term 2 - Wednesday 27th April to Friday 1st July

Term 3 - Tuesday 19th July to Friday 23rd September

Term 4 - Tuesday 11th October to Friday 9th December

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is currently closed. You are welcome to purchase uniforms via Midford online store: <https://www.midford.com.au/school-shops-online> For online purchase:

- Select Malek Fahd Islamic School Uniform Shop from the online School Shops tab
- Register a new account - the unique school pass phrase: Malek1989 will be required.
- Add your personal information, create a username and password

Should you require further information or details, please feel free to contact 0498 518 916.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,



Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal