



# MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## Remote Learning Update

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB,

We now end the first week of our delivery of online learning, I wish to thank staff for their hard work and commitment as they again adjusted to remote teaching. Today I held a combined staff meeting, all three campuses, with Hoxton Park and Beaumont Hills joining through Microsoft Teams. At this meeting I took the opportunity to congratulate staff on how quickly they have adapted to this enormous change. They have undertaken this change while, they too, are dealing with their own families concerns through this crisis. They are doing an amazing job in supporting our students and your child.

At Malek Fahd Islamic School it is as close to business as usual as possible. It is just that the education is being delivered in a different way. At this stage, the NSW Government has confirmed remote learning will continue until at least 30<sup>th</sup> July. We continue to be committed to the same high standard of care and wellbeing towards all students and have a special focus on Year 12 as they prepare for their HSC. Separate letters with specific information have been sent to Year 11 and Year 12 parents.

### Communication and Microsoft Teams

As was implemented during last year's lockdown, Microsoft Teams is the preferred platform for the delivery of lessons, work and homework. This platform enables a free flow between the class teachers to students. All Kindergarten to Year 12 students have Microsoft Teams access.

In K-6 the bulk of learning materials will continue to be sent to students via their parent's email. This will be overseen by the Primary Curriculum Coordinator, Stage and Year Coordinators. Materials will continue to be emailed out by administrative staff.

Secondary lessons will continue to be delivered on Teams by class teachers who will provide direct instructions to your child.

I wish to caution students on the use of any electronic platform. We will be following the discipline process for students who engage in inappropriate comments or behaviour on Microsoft Teams via email. We have had a small number of instances of inappropriate usage. Parents and students were contacted, and the email account was suspended for a period of time.

While students are learning remotely, the discipline policies stand. If found warranted, poor and inappropriate use of the internet and communication platforms may lead to suspension or termination of enrolment. I ask parents to be

vigilant in their child's use of the electronic platforms and communication avenues. I remind parents of the additional stress that remote learning causes on our staff and to be mindful of this in your communication with them.

### **Returning Work for Marking and Feedback**

Secondary students should continue to follow their teacher's instruction for returning work. For Primary students, from next week, the work that should be returned to teachers will be indicated on the remote learning package that is emailed to parents. The return of work will be via Teams. Teachers will provide further instructions to students. Attached you will find a guide on how to use your mobile phone as a scanner should you need this.

### **Daily Islamic Reflection**

There will be regular inspirational messages and Islamic reflections throughout the week provided by School Chaplain, Sheikh Fawaz and his team. An invitation to join Teams will be sent out to students. The Friday sermons will also continue to be presented online. This will be made available on the school website.

### **Wellbeing, Counsellors and Welfare**

I remind parents that the Wellbeing team of Counsellors, Welfare Coordinators, Heads of Wellbeing and Year Advisors as well as your child's class teacher are available to support your child in all aspects of their educational and emotional needs. Students will receive phone calls from their classroom or homeroom teachers to check in. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Counsellors on the emails below:

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)

### **School Remains Open**

I remind parents that the School remains open. Should your child need to attend school for on-campus learning, skeleton staff are rostered on for supervision. Administration Offices of each campus are attended to between 8.00am and 4.00pm. As per the NSW Health orders, parents must not attend the campus. The only exception is the drop off and pick up of students at Greenacre Primary campus. We will continue the usual drop off and pick up of students. Parents who come onto any of the campus sites must wear a mask. For any enquiries, please contact the School via phone or email. We ask for your patience as call volumes are considerable during this time.

### **Attendance**

Student attendance is taken daily by our staff. Should your child be unwell and unable to participate in remote learning please inform the School office.

**Wearing of Masks:** Due to the nature of the Delta variant the NSW Department of Health requires that every student in Years 7 to 12 who attends school in this lockdown period (and school staff) wear a mask. There are some circumstances where staff who are restricted in the delivery of content have the capacity to remove their mask for that period of time. Parents of students who fail to wear masks will be asked to come to school and take their child home.

**Social distancing:** It is a requirement that we continue with social distancing. The four-square metre limit will be in place at school.

### **Secondary Student Belongings**

Secondary students may collect their textbooks and other belongings from their lockers on weekdays between 9am and 3pm by contacting and informing the School Admin Office. Students must wear a mask, sign in and out at the office and must not linger on campus. Parents are not allowed on campus. Primary students will not require their textbooks or other materials. Teachers will continue to email any required materials.

**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 will be displayed around the school campus. Please ensure that you check out on departure.

**Food and Canteen:** Please note, the canteen will not be operational during this lockdown period.

### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is now closed. You are welcome to purchase uniforms online at your convenience. Your order will be filled when the store is next open. Website Address: <https://schoolshop.midford.com.au/login/>  
passphrase: malek1989

### Free parent support is available through various Muslim and community organisations, including:

- **24/7 COVID-19 Hotline:** 1800 020 080 (to triage people with respiratory symptoms and those who are concerned about contact with the virus).
- **Call 13Health (13 43 25 84).** (Any time for practical medical advice and assistance).
- **Parent Line NSW: 1300 130 052.** (9 am-9 pm Monday to Friday, 4 pm-9 pm weekends)
- **Lifeline:** 13 11 14

### Useful Online Links:

- **School TV** (useful info on a range of wellbeing issues) <https://schooltv.me/>
- **headspace** (info on mental health and COVID-19) <https://headspace.org.au>
- **Raising Children Network** (Range of information on parenting, mental health and COVID-19 info) <https://raisingchildren.net.au>

### Free Muslim counselling services include:

- UMA Counselling & Psychology Services (Free 12yrs+ Males: 0430 329 224 Females:0415 747 837.
- LMA AMAN PSYCH Support Clinic 0416 937 425 or [lma.org.au](http://lma.org.au) (Free 16+ No referral required. Closes 5pm.

Over the course of the lockdown, I will keep you informed. While the Eid celebrations might look a little different this year, I extend my best wishes for a joyous Eid-al-Adha to all parents, students, staff and the whole Malek Fahd Islamic School community. No remote learning will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Eid-al-Adha Mubarak!



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