



MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Kindergarten to Year 11 Remote Learning Update

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB,

Today the NSW Government announced an extension to the lockdown of Great Sydney in-order to contain the COVID-19 outbreak. Remote learning for Kindergarten to Year 11 will extend through to Friday 27 August, with a proposed return to School planned for Monday 30 August.

Our staff continue to work hard to support your child and your family through remote learning. Our remote learning programs will continue as they have been and we will continue to enhance and develop these.

Special arrangements for Year 12 and Year 11 Compression Students

Parents of Year 12 and Year 11 Compression students must refer to the separate correspondence sent to you outlining the latest information and advice.

Returning Work for Marking and Feedback

- Secondary students should continue to follow their teacher's instruction for returning work.
- 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. Primary parents have recently been sent an email which contains a step by step guide as to how to upload materials.

Daily Islamic Reflection

There are daily inspirational messages and Islamic reflections at 1.15pm provided by School Chaplain, Sheikh Fawaz and Dr Zachariah Matthews. An invitation to join Teams has been sent to students. The Friday sermons will also continue be presented online at 1.15pm.

Wellbeing, Counsellors and Welfare

I remind parents that the Wellbeing team of Counsellors, Welfare Coordinators, Heads of Wellbeing and Year Advisors, Coordinators 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

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

Hoxton Park: counsellingHP@mfis.nsw.edu.au

Beaumont Hills: counsellingBH@mfis.nsw.edu.au

Storytime with the Librarians and Story Box

For Primary parents you will have received information this week about Storytime with the Librarians which takes place at 3:30pm each day. This is an optional program and students can log in through Teams and enjoy a story to end their school day. Information has also been sent to you on Story Box – a digital story platform that the School has subscribed to, login details are contained in the letter sent to you.

The Parent's Website

Independent Schools Victoria has developed a very comprehensive website to assist parents during lockdown. As you will know Victoria had a very long period of lockdown in 2020 and this website was developed with this in mind. The website contains lots of useful information and advice for parents. It is prepared with a Victorian audience in mind, so it is important to be mindful of this. <https://theparentswebsite.com.au/>.

Year 9 and Year 11 2022 Subject Selection

Our staff are currently planning online information sessions for students currently in Years 8 and 10 about their 2022 subject selections. These sessions will take place shortly and information on them will be sent to parents very soon on how to access the sessions.

School Remains Open

I remind parents that the School remains open. However, the advice of NSW Health is to wherever possible please continue to have your child complete their learning at home through our remote learning programs. 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) must 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.

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 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.

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 (Free 16+ No referral required. Closes 5pm.

Thank you one and all for your resilience and support as we work together during this very difficult period.

Kind Regards



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