



MINARET COLLEGE

Islamic College of Melbourne South and East

10 June 2021

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh Minaret Families,

I hope this letter finds you in the best state of health and iman.

To begin, I'd like to thank parents who have already joined us on the Sentral Parent Portal. It's been great to see so many parents sign up and I've appreciated the feedback we've received since it's release. If you haven't done so already, please check your mail for your unique access code and instructions to sign up. I look forward to connecting with more families on the portal InshaAllah.

This letter is to share two updates with our families – the return of students to face-to-face learning and changes we're making to the way we service our families using the school bus service.

Return to Face-to-Face Learning

Alhamdulillah yesterday the Victorian Government announced the easing of restrictions. From tomorrow, Friday 11 June all students will return to face-to face-learning. I expect this is good news for our families and Alhamdulillah I know our teachers feel the same. School hours will return to standard school times and buses will revert to pre-lockdown pick up and drop off times. We look forward to welcoming our students back tomorrow InshaAllah.

As always, we will be implementing the necessary precautions to keep us all safe InshaAllah. I ask for support from our families in the following ways:

- If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school.
- If a student displays symptoms of being unwell while at school, we will call to ask that you come to take them home.
- Students are welcome to return to school when their symptoms have fully cleared
- If your child has any symptoms but you believe they are ok to attend school, medical clearance will be required before we will accept the student back at school.
- Consistent with public health advice, masks will be required in the following scenarios:
 - Students aged 12 or above when taking the bus or using shared transport to and from the College
 - All secondary students while either indoors or outdoors
- Please ensure students attend school with a mask – reuseable masks are encouraged to reduce the impact on the environment

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Due to the impacts of the lockdown, we've also made the following decisions:

- Exams for Year 7 to Year 11 students have been rescheduled to the last week of Term 2 (week commencing 21 June)
- Reports for both primary and secondary students will be delayed until Term 3
- Excursions for the remainder of Term 2 will be cancelled.
- Year 10 work experience scheduled for early in Term 3 has been cancelled. We are exploring the option to have students attend later in the year and further updates regarding the rescheduled dates will be provided when finalised InshaAllah.
- Most regrettably, until restrictions are further eased, jummah will not be held for the public at Springvale campus. InshaAllah we hope to share more favourable news with the community about jummah soon.

As a reminder to all families, Monday 14 June is a public holiday – the College will be closed on Monday and will reopen again for classes as usual from Tuesday 15 June.

Changes to School Bus Service

Thank you to families who have provided us feedback regarding the school bus service. Families have indicated that they would prefer to have one contact point for school enquiries, including the bus service. We've reviewed our current operating model and I'm pleased to share we're making some changes. Otobus will still continue to provide the valuable bus service for our families at Officer and Springvale campus however the customer service component will be transferring to the College. A separate letter with full details regarding the change will be sent to current bus families early next week however future enquiries regarding buses can be directed to our Admin team at each campus.

Alhamdulillah it's great to be sharing these positive updates with our school community. School is not simply a place for learning; school provides a sense of safety and routine and is a source of social connection for our students. During what has been an unsettling time for them, the wellbeing of our students is our priority and I know our teachers are keen to make the most of the next two weeks before school holidays commence InshaAllah.

Thank you families for your ongoing support. Lockdowns are not easy and learning from home is not without challenge. May Allah (swt) reward you for your patience and may He continue to protect our community with good health and strength in our iman. Ameen.

Kind Regards,



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