



MINARET COLLEGE

Islamic College of Melbourne South and East

13 June 2018

Dear Minaret Community

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu,

InshaAllah this letter finds you all in the best state of health and iman.

Only a few short weeks ago we welcomed the blessed month of Ramadan. Alhamdulillah, since then the College community has been working together to reap the rewards of these blessed days. Some highlights include our annual 'Welcome Ramadan' assemblies, our students and staff partnering with the Community Care Network providing food for the homeless as part of a 'Street Iftar', fundraising/food drive initiatives for those in need and also opening the school doors to all community members for nightly taraweeh prayers at both Officer and Springvale campus. The blessings of the reward of this month is magnified when we come together as a community and the school is humbled to provide an avenue to facilitate such events now and in future years.

We take this opportunity and make dua that Allah (SWT) accepts our deeds and forgives our sins during this blessed month.

REMINDERS:

➤ **ARRANGEMENTS FOR EID**

Following announcement by the Board of Imams Victoria that Eid is on Friday 15 June 2018. We wish all our families a joyous Eid. **The College will be closed on Friday 15 June 2018 for Eid.**

We invite all families to join Eid prayers commencing 8am sharp. Prayers will be conducted at the Place of Assembly at Springvale campus only. We welcome you to our POA building and request that you are mindful not to create traffic issues in streets and try to park within the College parking. Please observe Security Guards directives.

➤ **SCHOOL TIMES CHANGING FOR REMAINDER OF TERM TWO**

From **Monday 18 June** the school will return to standard school times. The school day will start at **8.25am** and finish at **3.35pm**.

➤ **TERM TWO HOLIDAYS - DATES AND SCHOOL AVAILABILITY**

A reminder that **Thursday 28 June** is the last day for term two. Students will finish school at 2.30pm on this day. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Tuesday 17 July** InshaAllah as Monday 16 July is dedicated for staff professional development.

During the term break the Administration office will be closed from Wednesday 4 July to Friday 6. For the remaining holiday period the school will be open for reduced hours - 9am till 3.30pm. Please feel free to contact us during these times.

CHANGE REGARDING SCHOOL GATES- SPRINGVALE CAMPUS ONLY

The school takes great care in the wellbeing of our students and we take a preventative approach regarding their safety. As a result, from term three there will be a change in the accessibility of the school through school gates.

- **Morning - Gates will open at 8am and close at 8.30am**
- **Afternoon - Open at 3.35pm and close at 3.50pm**

Outside the above times, the school will only be accessible via the main reception buildings.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SEMESTER EXAMS

In the coming weeks our secondary students (years 7 to 11) will commence their semester 1 exams. Perhaps the most important aspect of exams is to understand why students sit exams. Learning is a continual cycle; we measure students abilities, set learning goals, participate in learning activities and then assess the students' progress against the goals that were set. Alongside other assessment activities such as projects, classroom activities and assignments, exams are just one means for learning goals to be assessed. It is important for learning to be continually assessed as it:

- Allows students to realise the progress they are making and build self-efficacy as they master new skills/concepts
- Provides insight for students to understand their strengths - important as they start to make decisions about their future and careers
- Provides important feedback to teachers regarding the strength and opportunities of our students and the effectiveness of our teaching approach to date. This feedback allows teachers to modify their lessons to enhance student future learning
- Allows parents to understand how their child is performing when assessed against the expectations of the curriculum

Included in the following pages is a copy of the campus exam timetable as well as some hints and tips for students and how you can support them

- Get students organized early for exam preparation. The sooner students commence exam preparations, the more time they will have. Decide on time allocation and make a plan to study
- Gather all relevant materials, make study notes and practice
- Study harder subjects first
- Take short breaks during study sessions
- Avoid distractions of electronic gadgets. It is best to study in a quiet area at home
- Seek help from teachers if your child does not understand any aspect of their work

Parents, it is worth reminding that the best of the plans can fail if they are not implemented. Please assist your child(ren) by helping them follow a study plan.

LOOKING AHEAD – TERM THREE

Term three will see plenty of opportunities for each of our student to immerse themselves in activities both within and outside the school. Experiences such as excursions and incursions provide interactive learning experiences and often facilitate broader life skill development.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you to ensure our students have every opportunity to realise their full potential InshaAllah.

EID MUBARAK

Jazak Allah Khair.



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2018 SEMESTER 1 EXAMS TIMETABLE

YEARS 7 – 11

SPRINGVALE CAMPUS



Time	Friday (22/6/18)	Monday (25/6/18)	Tuesday (26/6/18)	Wednesday (27/6/18)	Thursday (28/6/18)
Period 1 8.45 – 9.55	Yr 10 U1: RS (37) TT (33) Yr 10 Arabic (14)	Yr 7: English (100) Yr 8: Arabic (95) Yr 9-10: Revision Yr 11 U1: MM Part 1(41)	Yr 7: Maths(100) Yr 8: Sciences(95) Yr 9-10: Revision Yr 11 U1: Psych(35)	Yr 7: Sciences(100) Yr 8: Quran(95) Yr 9-10: Revision Yr 11 U1: History(12)	Yr 7: Quran(100) Yr 8: Maths(95) Yr 9: Revision Yr 10/11 U1: GM(37), SM(8)
Recess (9.55 – 10.15)					
Period 2 10.20 – 11.30	Yr 11 U1: English(79) Part 1	Yr 7-8: Revision Yr 9: English(107) Yr 10: Humanities(107) Yr 11 U1: Chem(36)	Yr 7-8: Revision Yr 9: Maths(107) Yr 10: Sciences* Yr 11 U1: Physics(17)	Yr 7-8: Revision Yr 9: Sciences(107) Yr 10: Maths(84) Yr 11 U1: MM Part 2(41)	Yr 7-8: YL activities Yr 9: Quran(107) Yr 10: English(84) Yr 11 U1: Accounting(13)
Break (11.30 – 12.15)					
Period 3 12.20 – 1.30	Yr 11 U1: English(79) Part 2	Yr 7: Arabic(100) Yr 8: English(95) Yr 9-10: Revision Yr 10/11 U1: BM(35)	Yr 7: Is. Studies(100) Yr 8: Humanities(95) Yr 9-10: Revision Yr 11 U1: Geo(9)	Yr 7: Humanities(100) Yr 8: Is. Studies(95) Yr 9-10: Revision Yr 10/11 U1: HHD(17)	Normal class time
Prayer (1.30 – 2.05)					
Period 4 2.10 – 3.20	Normal classes Yr 10/11 U1: Biology(44)	Yr 7-8: Revision Yr 9: Is. Studies(107)	Yr 7-8: Revision Yr 9: Humanities(107) Yr 10: Commerce(84)	Yr 7-8: Revision Yr 9: Islamic History(62)/ Arabic(44) Yr 10/11 U1: SA(6), IT(20), LS(20)	End of Term 2

Note: *Year 10 Sciences consist of six options: Bio(14), Chem(16), Physics(11), Psychology(15), Environmental Sc(11), General Sc. (15)