



MINARET COLLEGE

Islamic College of Melbourne South and East

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Dear Minaret Family

Assalam Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu,

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

This letter is to provide an update to our families on the actions we are taking to address the high level of traffic congestion at Officer Campus.

Increased movement around Officer Campus has been created due to both anticipated and unanticipated factors. These include a greater student numbers, no longer dismissing students at staggered times and a decrease in number of families registering to use the bus service from the start of the year. The culmination of events has led to unacceptable levels of congestion which causes frustration to the College community and our surrounding neighbours. We apologise for the inconvenience and ask for your continued patience as we implement some short term solutions while working on our longer term plan.

Effective today, we will be contacting some specific families to organize early release times. The selection of families will be based on a combination of factors including year level. If you are contacted by a member of our team, please consider the offer of early pick up. If you hear of other families being offered early pick up, **please don't assume this applies to your family unless you've been directly contacted by the College.**

To establish a longer term solution, work has commenced to move the staff carpark to the newly purchased land on the Secondary school side of the campus. Once moved, the area currently used for staff parking will be available to families to use during drop off and pick up times. Work to make these changes has already begun and I will update our families early next week with our progress InshaAllah.

In the meantime, I ask that families refrain from parking in a way which blocks our neighbours. Please drive with the safety expected to keep both other road users and pedestrians safe. I understand the level of frustration and apologise again for the delays experienced however we have a collective responsibility to ensure the safety of all.

May Allah (SWT) guide our decisions and keep our community safe. Ameen.

Kind regards,

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