



MINARET COLLEGE

Islamic College of Melbourne South and East

15 July 2021

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh Minaret Families,

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

Earlier today the Victorian Premier announced a snap 5-day lockdown due to the emerging COVID clusters. We share the Premier's hope that this short, necessary lockdown will allow us to get on top of the current outbreak and we will be able to return to onsite learning within a short time InshaAllah. Based on the Premier's announcements, the following decisions have been made this evening.

For Friday 16 July:

- Jummah will not be prayed at the College (including community jummah)
- ELC will remain open
- Hifz lessons will be conducted online and teachers will forward Zoom links to students to attend
- For Foundation to Year 10 students:
 - In the morning, teachers will load independent learning activities on Seesaw (Foundation to Year 6) or Edmodo (Year 7 to Year 10)
 - Teachers will be available on Seesaw or Edmodo to answer questions from students during their scheduled class times
 - Primary school will take attendance based on parent response to the morning attendance message
 - Secondary attendance will be taken in a morning homeroom class held on Zoom. The time for homeroom will be 9am until 9.30am.
- Unit 1 – 4 classes:
 - Will be conducted via Zoom. Teachers will share the link to classes with students via Edmodo
 - The shortened online learning timetable will apply (refer to table at the end of this letter for period times)
 - SACs scheduled for tomorrow will be rescheduled to a later date
 - Scheduled VCE tuition will continue but held via Zoom from 3.30pm until 4.30pm
 - Attendance for each class will be taken as usual – including homeroom
- Children of essential workers who cannot be supervised at home will be able to be supervised at their home campus. Supervision will be available between 8.15am and 3.30pm. No classes will be conducted onsite as teachers will be working from home
- The bus and canteen service will not be available

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ARRANGEMENTS NEXT WEEK

As is our annual approach, the College was already scheduled to be closed for the Day of Arafat on Monday 19 July. The Day of Arafat is a significant day on our calendar and we encourage our community take advantage of this day, especially during lockdown. As a reminder for us all, when asked about fasting on the Day of Arafat, the Prophet (saws) said "*It expiates the sins of the past year and the coming year.*"

The College will also be closed for the three days of Eid from Tuesday 20 until Thursday 22 July.

In summary, **this means the College (including ELC) will be closed from Monday 19 until Thursday 22 July. This includes no online classes or onsite supervision during this time.** We expect **students will return to learning onsite on Friday 23 July.** Further updates will be shared via our Facebook page and website.

Please also note that due to COVID restrictions, **we will be unable to host Eid prayers** at Minaret College. Sadly this Eid will be different for all of us however I hope that each of you is able to spend your day in celebration within your household and keeping digitally connected with extended family and friends.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a safe and joy-filled Eid. In the blessed days of Dhul Hijjah, we ask that Allah (swt) make us successful during our trials and protect our community. May He place barakah in our homes and sakinah in our hearts. Ameen.

Stay safe,



Mohammed Taksim
Executive Principal

Secondary belltimes for Friday 16 July

	Start	Finish
Form assembly	9:00	9:30
Period 1	9:30	10:25
Recess	10:25	10:55
Period 2	10:55	11:50
Lunch	11:50	12:30
Period 3	12:30	13:25
Prayer	13:25	14:05
Period 4	14:05	15:00