



MINARET COLLEGE

Islamic College of Melbourne South and East

30 September 2021

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh Minaret Families,

Recently the Victorian Government outlined a 'roadmap' for the gradual easing of restrictions. The roadmap includes a plan for students to return to school throughout Term 4. Since the announcement, my team and I have been reviewing the plan and preparing to implement a similar approach for Minaret College students and families.

In this letter, I outline our plan for students to gradually return to school during Term 4. The dates and timelines are consistent with the government recommendation. Each milestone of the plan is subject to confirmation by the Victorian government and will be based on advice from the Chief Health Officer considering the current status of COVID-19 in Victoria. The purpose of sharing the plan is so that you have visibility of what we are hoping will be in place for the remainder of 2021 InshaAllah.

STAGGERED RETURN DATES

The **first day of Term 4 will be Monday 4 October**, however all students will start the term learning online. Students will return to learning onsite in a gradual way. The below table shows the days students will return to onsite learning. As an example, Foundation students will return to learning onsite from Monday 18 October. They will be onsite on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only. On Thursday and Friday they will continue to learn from home. From Friday 5 November, they will be learning onsite 5 days a week.

Year level	From Monday 4 Oct	From Mon 18 Oct	From Tues 26 Oct	From Fri 5 Nov
Foundation	Online only.	3 days - Mon/Tues/Wed	3 days - Mon/Tues/Wed	5 days
1-2	Online only.	2 days -Thurs/Fri	2 days -Thurs/Fri	5 days
3-4	Online only.	Online only.	2 days -Tues/Wed	5 days
5-6	Online only.	Online only.	2 days - Thurs/Fri	5 days
Year 7	Online only.	Online only.	5 days	5 days
Year 8-9	Online only.	Online only.	2 days - Tues/Wed	5 days
Year 10	Online only.	Online only.	2 days - Thurs/Fri	5 days
Year 11	From Wed 6 October, attend onsite on days they have a U4 subject	Attend onsite on days they have a U4 subject	5 days	5 days
Year 12 (Unit 3/4)	From Wed 6 October., 5 days.	5 days	5 days	5 days

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SCHOOL DAY – START AND FINISH TIMES

Whether online or onsite, the school day will start at **9am and finish at 3pm**. Supervision of students attending onsite will start from 8:15am each day.

HIFZ PROGRAM

Hifz classes will continue online from 8am until 9am each day. On the days students are scheduled to attend onsite, they will gather in a designated classroom to attend their Hifz class online. Hifz classes will return to face-to-face learning from Friday 5 November InshaAllah.

BUS SERVICE AND CANTEEN

The bus service will start to operate as normal from Wednesday 6 October.

The canteen will also be open from 6 October with a limited menu. The full menu will resume from Tuesday 26 October.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We understand that students may have outgrown their uniforms during the extended lockdown and it seems impractical to purchase new items for the few weeks remaining of the school year. We have therefore decided to allow students to wear neat-casual dress for the remainder of the year. Students who prefer to wear uniform can do so. The only requirement is that clothes are neat, presentable and meet the Islamic ethos of the college. This includes:

- No thongs/high heel shoes
- No three quarter length pants or shorts
- Hijab must continue to be worn for girls
- Jewellery and facial piercings are not allowed

Students will be briefed on our expectations as they return to school and we ask that you work in partnership with us to ensure students can be comfortable for the remainder of the school year.

ONSITE SUPERVISION

On the day's students are not scheduled to be learning onsite, they will continue to learn from home. Students will only be able to attend for onsite supervision if they meet the criteria that has been in place during Term Three. This includes both parents being essential workers and no alternative supervision is available at home. If students are dropped at school without prior registration, parents will be contacted to collect the student.

Heads of Schools will be in touch with families who were registered for onsite supervision last term. If any additional families need to register, please contact our Admin team who will assist with your enquiry.

STUDENT FREE DAYS AND END OF TERM

Parents are reminded that **Monday 1 November is a student free day and Tuesday 2 November is a public holiday** due to the Melbourne cup. No onsite supervision or online classes will run on either of these two days.

The **last day of Term 4 for students is Friday 3 December.**

VCE STUDENTS

All Year 11 and 12 students will sit the GAT on Tuesday 5 October. Full details of arrangements have already been shared with families directly.

Term 4 is the time for VCE students to start reviewing course content and prepare for upcoming exams. All required content has now been covered in classes and so future classes will now be optional for students to attend. Students can study from home or attend school for the periods they wish to speak with their teachers onsite during standard class times. After hours tuition will also continue to be available to ensure students are optimally supported in lead up to VCE exams InshaAllah.

In conclusion, we will continue to review our plan, and we will continue to communicate any changes as more advice is received and decisions are made. If you have any questions regarding the details in this letter, please contact our Admin team at each campus. For now, we look forward to welcoming our students back to their online classrooms from Monday 4 October InshaAllah!

May Allah (swt) continue to grant us good health and strengthen us both with sabr and iman. Ameen.

Stay safe,



Mohammed Taksim
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