



MINARET COLLEGE

Islamic College of Melbourne South and East

28 October 2021

Assalamu alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh Families,

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

Alhamdulillah it's such a positive feeling writing to our families with continued good news - all students will return onsite earlier than planned InshaAllah. This is exciting news for all; my team and I are looking forward to spending the next five weeks with our students onsite.

The earlier return date for all students means:

- Monday 1 November continues to be a student free day
- Tuesday 2 November is a Public Holiday.
- From Wednesday 3 November, **all Minaret College students will attend school five days a week. All ELC children will also be permitted back onsite.**

With this transition, we will also return to standard hours. This means the school **day will start at 8.30am and finish at 3.35pm.** Buses will also resume to normal times.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the continued support of our families. The last 18 months have not been easy and it's with a sense of relief and gratitude that we hope the worst is behind us InshaAllah. Alhamdulillah we have been able to continue our students' education, even during lockdowns, and I thank all our families for all your efforts and your continued partnership.

The College will continue to take the actions necessary to minimise disruptions to our students InshaAllah. COVIDSafe measures such as mask wearing, physical distancing and not coming to school when feeling unwell will continue to be part of our 'new normal'. Again, I thank parents for communicating with us when your child has been required to isolate. The continued care you show towards the broader community is appreciated and goes a long way in keeping us all safe.

BUS REGISTRATION FOR 2022

With 2021 soon drawing to a close, our attention also turns to the 2022 school year. Users of the current bus service will soon receive an email and letter to register to use the bus in 2022. From 2022 bus users will experience a range of changes including the ability to track the whereabouts of the bus (much like a food delivery service). Parents will also be able to see if their child boarded the bus via a student card that will be used to 'tap on' and 'tap off'. These are some important changes implemented to increase student safety and improve the efficiency of the bus service.

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The deadline to register for bus use in 2022 is Friday 19 November. Current bus users should keep an eye on their email and return the application form as soon as possible – all bus users must re-apply – we do not assume current bus users will continue to use the service in 2022. If you haven't received the email by the Wednesday 3 November, or would like to know more about the bus service, please contact our Admin team who will be happy to assist. Paper application forms are also available at the Admin desk of each campus. Due to the time required to finalise bus routing, we cannot commit to processing late received applications, so please ensure we receive your application by the due date.

I hope the coming days and weeks are filled with joy as we all enjoy the easing of restrictions.

May Allah (swt) protect our families and place barakah in our homes. Ameen.

Stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mohammed Taksim', written in a cursive style.

Mohammed Taksim
Executive Principal