



# MINARET COLLEGE

Islamic College of Melbourne South and East

5 April 2023

Assalamu alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh Parents,

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

Alhamdulillah we've reached the end of Term One and what a productive term it's been! Alongside classroom learning, students have participated in incursions, excursions and camps – exploring the world and building confidence and social skills through new experiences. Alhamdulillah we've had some outstanding successes in sporting competitions and students have celebrated the arrival of Ramadan with assemblies and great excitement. On Monday we held the finals for our Qur'an competition, with students from all three campuses challenging themselves during this blessed month. Congratulations to all our students and thank you to families for supporting them!

Tomorrow will be the last day for Term One and students will be dismissed at 2:30pm. Below are some reminders throughout the Term break and for the commencement of Term Two:

- The College will be closed on weekends and on:
  - Friday 7 April
  - Monday 10 April
  - Eid Day (based on Board of Imams announcement)
  - Monday 24 April and Tuesday 25 April
- On all other days, Admin and Finance staff will be onsite between **9am and 3pm**, except **Doveton Campus which will be closed** for the full Term break.
- VCE classes will run as per schedules already communicated from Heads of Senior School
- From Friday 7 April and ongoing, **Community Jummah** at Springvale Campus will be held at 1pm
- **Eid will be prayed at Springvale Campus** on the day announced by the Board of Imams. Eid Takbir will commence at 8am, prayer will be at 8:30am. Please arrive on time, all welcome!
- **Students will return to school on Wednesday 26 April.** The Canteen will re-open and students will again be dismissed from 3:35pm.

Another significant change is that from Term Two, Secondary School belltimes will be adjusted so that both Dhuhr and 'Asr will be prayed at school. In the past, it was expected that students would return home to pray 'Asr however during winter, the shorter days and sometimes delay in travel meant they would sometimes pray late. InshaAllah from next term our 'Winter Belltimes' will ensure that all Secondary students pray 'Asr before being dismissed at 3:35pm InshaAllah.

May Allah (SWT) allow us to benefit from the second half of this blessed month and wherever you may celebrate, Eid Mubarak to all!

Kind regards,

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