



# MINARET COLLEGE

Islamic College of Melbourne South and East

21 June 2023

Assalamu alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh Parents,

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

Alhamdulillah we have almost completed half a year of learning. It's been a productive six months and soon you will receive an update from your child's teachers regarding their academic progress so far this year. Primary school teachers are currently finalising student reports and they will be published in the Sentral portal during term break. Secondary student exams will finish on Thursday this week and so results from those assessments will be included in reports due to be distributed in early Term Three InshaAllah. If you have not yet signed up to the Sentral portal, please contact our Admin team who will be able to assist.

The last few days of term are always exciting. As we have now entered the significant period of the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah, there are plenty of opportunities for students to be reminded of the significance of this time, including the Day of Arafah. Teachers have some wonderful activities planned to mark the significance of this week and next. Regarding key dates in the coming weeks, please note as follows:

- **Friday 23 June – Last Day of Term Two** (students will be dismissed at 2:30pm)
- Monday 26 June – Admin open from 9am until 3:30pm
- Tuesday 27 until Friday 30 June – School closed for Day of Arafah and Eid
- Monday 3 until Friday 7 July – Admin open from 9am until 3:30pm
- Monday 10 July – Teacher only day (Admin will be open for enquiries)
- **Tuesday 11 July – First day of Term Three for students**

## EID ARRANGEMENTS

On Monday, the Australian National Imams Council announced that Monday 19 June was the first day of Dhul Hijjah and therefore:

- Tuesday 27 June will be the Day of Arafah – the day those completing Hajj will gather to make dua, seeking forgiveness from the Most Merciful. Those not completing Hajj are encouraged to fast, with the reward being forgiveness of sins for both the preceding and upcoming year.
- Wednesday 28 June will be Eid ul Adha

Both the Day of Arafah and Eid will fall within the term holidays and so no additional holidays will be required for students – the College will be closed on those days. The **College will host Eid prayers at Springvale Campus on Wednesday 28 June**. Takbirat will commence at 8am with prayers at 8:30am InshaAllah. Please arrive early and secure your parking. Please also ensure our neighbours rights are respected by not parking in a way which blocks access to their property. I hope we will see plenty of students, staff and their families to celebrate Eid together as a community InshaAllah.

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## UPDATE REGARDING CHICKEN SERVED AT MINARET CAFÉ

Many families will be familiar with the announcement made by Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) regarding the halal status of chicken slaughtered where Controlled Atmospheric Stunning (CAS) has been used as part of the process. We respect that there are different opinions on the matter however after hearing the announcement the College made the decision to remove items from Minaret Café if they involved CAS. We will continue to refer to the ANIC position on this matter to make decisions regarding food sold at the café. All products sold at the Café are Halal. An updated menu will be distributed in the Sentral Portal for the commencement of Term Three InshaAllah.

## 2024 TERM DATES

Term dates for 2024 have now been finalised and are available on our website. For your convenience they are also provided below. If your family is planning to travel, we ask that you please make the most of term breaks to minimise absences from school. If your travel plans mean that your child may be away from school for greater than three days, a leave form must be submitted well in advance so that we can assess and advise on the impacts to your child's learning. In most cases, leave greater than one week will not be approved however we understand the exceptional, emergency situations may apply.

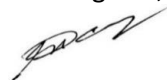
Term	Start	End	Comments
Term One	Tues 30 Jan	Thurs 28 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Foundation Students start on Wednesday 31 January for half days in their first week</li><li>• Monday 11 March - Labour Day Holiday</li><li>• Monday 11 March - Ramadan (TBC)</li><li>• Tuesday 9 April - Eid ul Fitr (TBC)</li></ul>
Term Two	Tues 16 April	Fri 28 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thursday 25 April - ANZAC Day</li><li>• Monday 10 June – Kings Birthday</li><li>• Monday 17 June - Eid ul Adha (TBC)</li></ul>
Term Three	Tues 16 July	Fri 20 Sept	
Term Four	Mon 7 Oct	Fri 6 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday 4 November - Student-Free Day</li><li>• Tuesday 5 November - Melbourne Cup</li></ul>

## FINAL THOUGHTS

Again I thank our families for your ongoing support and partnering with us to ensure our Minaret Community reflects the values and ethos we aspire to instill in our children during this formative period of their lives. Each child enrolled at the College is an Amanah and we will strive to ensure they learn in a safe, nurturing and Islamic environment.

While we will not be celebrating Eid within the term, we hope that we will see many of our students and their families during Eid Prayers next Wednesday InshaAllah. To those who have been called to perform Hajj, we ask Allah (SWT) to make their journey easy and accept it from them. We ask that even more of us are able to complete this obligation in the years to come. Ameen.

Kind regards,



**Mohammed Taksim**  
Executive Principal