

## **MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL**

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## **BOARD UPDATE**

## INFORMATION UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

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You may remember that early last year the NSW Minister for Education decided that Malek Fahd Islamic School was to repay more than \$11 million in NSW State public funding. This was the total amount of money the NSW Government paid to the school in 2014 and 2015. The Minister took this decision after deciding that the School operated for profit in 2014 and 2015 under a previous Board and administration.

The repayment is being made by way of the State Government reducing its payments to the school each year until the \$11M is repaid. As the Board said when this arrangement was first put in place, the School will continue to operate in accordance with all rules and regulations and provide a quality education to all students.

This has not and will not change.

This NSW Government decision does not, of course, affect money paid to the School by the Australian Federal Government, which is the major source of our public funding.

Following the Minister's decision, the Board took legal advice and decided to appeal to the Supreme Court of NSW. The School presented its case to the Court earlier this year.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, the Supreme Court delivered its judgement. It ruled against our appeal.

The Supreme Court ruling does not change anything that has already been put in place. It simply means that we will continue to repay the money by way of reduced NSW State funding until 2026.

As far as students, staff and parents are concerned, it continues to be 'school as usual'. The current Board continues to ensure the School operates in a proper manner. Our focus will always remain on providing a quality education for all students.

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