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MFIS NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Shaping Future Leaders Through Faith, Excellence, and Service

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our learners, families, and staff as we begin Term 2 of the 2025 academic year. I pray that the recent break brought you joy, peace, and meaningful time with loved ones. As we return to our routines, refreshed and re-energised, we are excited to continue our journey together, rooted in the values of Faith,

Excellence, and Service, and committed to empowering our learners to thrive spiritually, academically, and socially. Alhamdulillah, Term 2 is already off to a vibrant start, and I'm pleased to share some highlights that reflect the unity, dedication, and shared purpose that define the MFIS learning community.

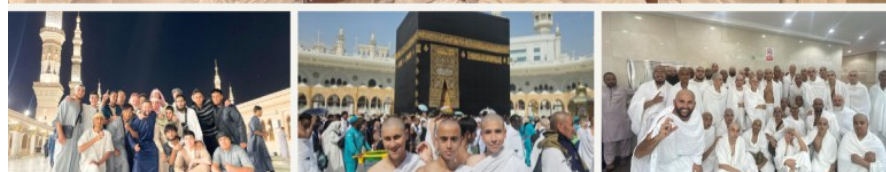
MFIS Umrah Tour 2025 – A Journey of Faith and Discovery

Alhamdulillah, some of our Year 11 students and staff successfully completed the 2025 MFIS Umrah Tour over the break. From the serene moments at Masjid Al-Nabawi to the sacred rites of Umrah in Makkah, it was a journey of spiritual growth and deep reflection. In Al-Madinah al-Munawwarah, our learners experienced profound spiritual moments, beginning with Tahajjud and Fajr prayers at Masjid Al-Nabawi, followed by attending a Janazah prayer. They visited significant sites such as Mount Uhud, Masjid al-Qiblatain, and Uthman's Date Farm, and explored Islamic heritage through a guided tour of the Masjid Al-Nabawi Museum. The journey started in Jordan, where students reflected at Masjid Ahl Al-Kahf—the Cave of the Seven Sleepers, a site mentioned in the Qur'an—and explored the ancient city of Jarash and the historical Castle of Salahuddin, deepening their understanding of Islamic history and legacy. Our sincere thanks to our generous sponsors: Human Appeal Australia, ABW Foods,



Tender Loving Care, MTSS IT & Security, Big O's Buses, Trademaster, MCCA, ASI Technologies, Mr Kernal, and Masnad Health Clinic.

May Allah SWT reward everyone who made this blessed experience possible. Ameen.



KNOWLEDGE
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Vision: The leading school for Islamic education in Australia

Mission: Empower every learner to achieve their full potential through an Islamic education

Core Values: Faith
Excellence Service

Motto:
Knowledge is Light

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Child Safe Standards

The Child Safe Standards recommended by the Royal Commission provide a framework for making organisations safer for children.

Standard 1: Child safety is embedded in MFIS organisational leadership, governance and culture.

Standard 2: Children participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously at MFIS.

Standard 3: MFIS families and communities are informed and involved.

Standard 4: Equity is upheld and diverse needs are taken into account for all children at MFIS.

Standard 5: People working with children are suitable and supported at MFIS.

Standard 6: Processes to respond to complaints of child abuse are child focused at MFIS.

Standard 7: MFIS staff are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through continual education and training.

Standard 8: MFIS aims to identify the risks associated with physical and online environments and ensures to minimise the opportunity for abuse or other kinds of harm to occur.

Standard 9: Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is continuously reviewed and improved at MFIS.

Standard 10: Policies and procedures document how MFIS is child safe environment. Child Protection Policy outline the school's commitment to preventing harm,

STAFF RECOGNITION—30+ YEARS OF SERVICE

During our School Development Day, we proudly honoured long-serving staff members who have devoted over three decades to MFIS. These individuals have played a foundational role in shaping the hearts and minds of generations.

Congratulations to Mr Aiyub Ahmed, Ms Rihana Bashir, Ms Christine Lorraine Blackall, Sheikh Khaled Bouchafaa, Ms Tulin Bragg, Ms Naheed Zaman Chowdhury, Ms Jamal Ghanem, Ms Alya Hawashin, Sheikh Fawaz Kamaz, Ms Lourdes Khan, Ms Selvem Moodley and Ms Shamim Shah.

Their loyalty and contributions are deeply appreciated. We honour their legacy with heartfelt thanks.



Eid Festival 2025 – A Joyous Day of Unity

Jazakum Allahu Khayran to all the families who joined us on Friday, 4 April for our annual MFIS Eid Festival in collaboration with the Eid Show in Bankstown!

The event was a celebration of faith, family, and fun—with thrilling rides, vibrant stalls, delicious food, The Eid Show, and a special Jumu'ah prayer that brought our community together in gratitude and joy. Your presence helped transform the day into a vibrant celebration filled with smiles, laughter, and meaningful memories. A special thank you to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and partners for their tireless efforts.

At MFIS, we cherish opportunities to come together and celebrate our shared faith, cultural heritage, and the powerful sense of belonging that unites us.



MFIS Athletics Carnival 2025 – Years 7–12

For the first time, our annual Athletics Carnival was held at two separate venues to allow for gender segregation, bringing together the male and female students from Years 7 to 12 across all campuses—Greenacre, Hoxton Park, and Beaumont Hills—for a spirited day of friendly competition and school pride.

Under clear skies and roaring cheers,



students competed in sprints, jumps, throws, and relays, embodying both athletic excellence and the values of determination and teamwork.

Well done to all participants and thank you to our staff and volunteers for facilitating a smooth, energetic event.

Dr Zachariah Matthews

Service in Action: Living Our Values

At MFIS, service is woven into the fabric of our educational philosophy. This term, our learners and community actively engaged in meaningful initiatives rooted in empathy and collective impact. This term, our school community demonstrated the true spirit of service through several impactful initiatives. At the Mothers & Daughters Fund-raiser Dinner, held in partnership with Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, we raised an incredible \$16,000 in support of breast cancer research and support services.



Our Year 12 students led a meaningful Ramadan campaign, raising \$20,000 with Human Appeal Australia to fund the construction of a mosque for an underprivileged community. Additionally, the Principal's Feed the Fasting Campaign, in collaboration with Zakat House, brought together our entire school to raise \$21,000, providing vital Iftar and Suhoor meals to families in Lebanon. These acts of service reflect the beauty of Islam in action and instill lasting values of compassion, responsibility, and leadership in our learners.



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Islamic Schools Debating Competition

Malek Fahd Islamic School is at the forefront of the Islamic Schools Debating Competition, an enriching initiative that has engaged over 100 students across several rounds. To date, four of the seven main rounds have been successfully completed, showcasing the talent and dedication of young debaters from across participating schools. We are honoured to collaborate with Maarif International School, Al Noori Muslim School, Australian International Academy, and Unity Grammar. The competition is set to continue into Week 4 of this term, with the next round to be hosted at Al Noori Muslim School. We extend our congratulations to all students involved for their enthusiasm, teamwork, and pursuit of excellence in public speaking and critical thinking. Thank you to Dr Ozan Angin, Acting Deputy Head of Hoxton Park Campus, for his leadership and coordination of this event, which continues to empower our learners with confidence and skill in argumentation.

NAPLAN 2025 Results

The NAPLAN 2025 results are anticipated to be released to schools in mid-June. Individual student reports will be distributed to parents at the beginning of Term 3. National summary data is expected to be published in late July or early August 2025, providing a comprehensive overview of student performance across Australia.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

The Niyyah Project remains a cornerstone of our commitment to embedding Islamic principles within a distinct and purposeful educational philosophy. This term, the MFIS Teaching and Learning Framework continues to guide our Professional Learning Programs, with a particular focus on fostering growth through learning from mistakes, creating space for thoughtful reflection, and tailoring content to sustain and challenge student learning.



Half-Yearly Reports for Year 12 students, and Year 11 students participating in the Acceleration Program, will be published in Week 3, available via the Parent Portal. These reports offer a detailed summary of assessment performance, reflecting work completed throughout Term 4, 2024, and Term 1, 2025. We encourage parents to reach out to subject teachers with any questions or concerns. Recently held Parent-Teacher Interviews across our campuses provided valuable opportunities for meaningful dialogue on how we can continue to support and enhance each student's learning journey together.

To further support our Year 12 students, we have partnered with educational consultant Graham Wright to provide individualised HSC Trajectory Reports. These reports, based on preliminary exam data, offer students a clear picture of their current academic standing and progress toward their ATAR goals. Each student participated in a one-on-one meeting with a senior staff member to reflect on their performance and identify strategies for improvement. A second Trajectory Report, incorporating Half-Yearly exam results, will be issued later this term to track growth and guide next steps toward achieving personal bests.

Year 12 students from all campuses recently participated in the Personal Best presentation, an initiative aimed at fostering academic excellence and purposeful learning. The session provided students with evidence-based strategies for exam preparation, stress and time management, and a deeper understanding of ATAR calculations and university progression trends. Beyond practical tools, the presentation encouraged students to connect with the broader purpose of their education, empowering them to take ownership of their goals and strive confidently toward their personal best.

On Monday 26 May, Year 11 students from Beaumont Hills and Hoxton Park will join their peers at the Greenacre Secondary campus for the annual MFIS Careers Day. This important event offers students direct access to university representatives and the chance to speak with professionals from a range of industries, including some of our own inspiring alumni. Special thanks to our Careers Advisors, Ms O'Connor (Hoxton Park and Beaumont Hills) and Ms Mehana (Greenacre), for coordinating this unique cross-campus initiative. Parents and students are invited to visit malekfahdislamicsschool.careertools.com.au to explore more career resources.

Our Year 7-10 students have embraced the use of technology with their 1:1 device, eliminating the need for physical textbooks and promoting digital literacy, an increasingly valued competency in our contemporary world. To support safe and purposeful technology use in the classroom, the school has implemented Linewize and Classwize, enabling educators to effectively monitor and manage student device activity. Additionally, parents have access to Qustodio, a device management platform to develop healthy digital habits, including setting screen time limits. Parents are encouraged to reach out to our IT team for further information.

In acknowledgment of our strategic commitment to educational innovation and digital excellence, we have been recognised as a Microsoft Surface Lighthouse School. This distinction grants the school priority access to Microsoft's cutting-edge educational technologies, advanced security infrastructure, and targeted professional learning opportunities. Building on this recognition, we are actively exploring the integration of additional Microsoft tools such as Reading Progress, Reflect, and Immersive Reader, to further enhance student literacy, promote engagement, and support overall wellbeing.

Congratulations to Ms Thamina Kassar, Wellbeing Coordinator at Greenacre Secondary, for the recent publication of her action research project exploring the application of Islamic Pedagogy to student wellbeing. This significant contribution marks a cultural and strategic shift, positioning Malek Fahd Islamic School at the forefront of developing an indigenous Islamic model of wellbeing in education. Ms Kassar's paper offers a critically reflective and authentic approach to policy implementation, student support, and middle leadership, anchored in Islamic values and a strong sense of moral purpose. Her work not only enriches our school community but also contributes meaningfully to the broader educational discourse.



We are proud to share that Ms Doha Adra was invited to attend the prestigious HALT (Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher) Summit held in Canberra this year. This annual summit brings together leading educators from across the nation, offering HALTs the opportunity to engage with prominent thought leaders, strengthen their leadership capabilities, and foster meaningful collaboration with fellow accomplished professionals. During the summit, Ms Adra proudly shared Malek Fahd Islamic School's vision and mission with Mr Tim Bullard, CEO of the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL). In addition to the impactful discussions, our distinctive staff jerseys left a memorable impression!

Tulin Bragg, Deputy Principal Teaching & Learning

HADITH OF JIBREEL

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh,

As we continue our journey together—nurturing both academic excellence and spiritual growth—I'd like to share a meaningful reminder about the purpose of Islamic education and the character it is meant to shape.



One of the most powerful teachings comes from the Hadith of Jibreel, as narrated by Umar ibn Al-Khattab (RA). A man once came to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), dressed in pure white with no signs of travel, and sat knee-to-knee with the Prophet, asking him about Islam, Iman, Ihsan, and the signs of the Last Day. After the man left, the Prophet (SAW) told his companions: "That was Jibreel. He came to teach you your religion." (Sahih Muslim)

This hadith not only summarises the foundations of our faith but also highlights the etiquette of seeking knowledge—with sincerity, respect, humility, and purpose. Jibreel's calm presence, polite manner, and thoughtful questions provide a model of behaviour that reflects the essence of Islamic character.

As high school students, you are building the foundation of your adult lives. Islamic education is not just about knowing your religious duties—it's about how you live them: with good manners, sound choices, sincere intentions, and respectful interactions. Strive to be like Jibreel in your pursuit of knowledge: humble, respectful, curious, and purposeful.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: "Indeed, I was sent to perfect good character." (Sahih Bukhari)

This reminds us that the Prophet's mission was not only to bring divine guidance, but also to refine and uplift our conduct.

May Allah (SWT) guide you all in your learning, character, and faith.

Sheikh Fawaz Kamaz, School Chaplain

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Kindergarten Enrolments Now Open—2025 & Beyond

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten at our Beaumont Hills, Hoxton Park, and Greenacre campuses.

MFIS at a Glance:

- Over 3000 students, K–12, across four campuses
- Vision: To be the leading school for Islamic education in Australia
- Mission: Empower learners to reach their full potential through an Islamic education
- Values: Faith • Excellence • Service

As we look forward to the second half of the academic year, let us continue working together to nurture minds and inspire hearts. May Allah (SWT) guide our learners, bless our educators, and strengthen the bonds within our school community.



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**2026
Enrolments
now open!**

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Visit [MFIS.nsw.edu.au/enrol](https://mfis.nsw.edu.au/enrol)

Upcoming Events

Annual Qurban Fundraiser

19 – 23 May 2025

MFIS Careers Day

26 May 2025

Eid ul-Adha Closure

6 June 2025

2025 Term Dates for Students

Term 2 - Tuesday 29th April to Friday 4th July

Term 3 - Tuesday 22nd July to Friday 26th September

Term 4—Tuesday, 14th October to Thursday, 11th December

Social Media

Follow MFIS Journey on our dedicated official social media channels.

Visit our new website:
<https://mfis.nsw.edu.au>

Instagram:
<https://bit.ly/42dxmjw>

Facebook:
<https://bit.ly/47M0O1v>

LinkedIn:
<https://bit.ly/3HzcAS1>

YouTube:
<https://bit.ly/3vRNkEd>

MFIS ALUMNI EID CELEBRATION DINNER 2025

Alhamdulillah, what a night to remember!

On Wednesday 2nd April, over 150 alumni came together for the MFIS Alumni Eid Celebration Dinner — a truly special evening filled with warmth, laughter, and nostalgia. It was heartwarming to see familiar faces reconnecting, sharing memories from their school days, and celebrating how far they've come since.

The evening featured inspiring addresses from: Dr Tarek Sari – our engaging MC for the night, Mr Fayez Moussa – MFIS Board Chair, Dr Zachariah Matthews – Principal of MFIS, Professor Talal Yassine AM - Experienced Business Leader, Academic and Philanthropist, Mr Mohammed Ghamouri (Alumni 2008) – Lawyer, and Ms Doha Adra (Alumni 2002) – Highly Accomplished Lead Teacher (HALT)



Their stories of dedication and success reminded us of the incredible potential within our alumni community. Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner, great company, and the opportunity to network with fellow alumni from various graduating years. A special thank you to Salaam for sponsoring the dinner.

We are grateful to everyone who made this event a success. Here's to many more meaningful alumni gatherings in the future, inshaAllah!

Join the MFIS Alumni Network today!

In the spirit of our shared values and the teachings of our faith, Malek Fahd Islamic school has a well-established alumni network warmly invite our esteemed 2000 plus alumni to maintain a strong and enduring connection with our school community. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) emphasised the importance of maintaining ties and fostering community bonds, as reflected in the following hadith:

Our alumni are not only cherished members of over 30 years of history but also vital contributors to our future. Their experiences, achievements, and wisdom are invaluable assets that can inspire and guide our current students. We encourage engagement with the school through mentorship programs, guest speakers, tutors, and community service initiatives, and partake in social events, all of which are avenues to give back and uphold the Islamic principle of mutual support and benefit.

Stay connected, stay engaged! At Malek Fahd our alumni are an integral part of our community, and we cherish the enduring bonds we've built together already and look forward to strengthening these networks in the future. Whether you're a recent graduate or have fond memories from years past, we invite you to reconnect with us and stay involved in the vibrant life of our school.

Join us in celebrating the past, present, and future of Malek Fahd Islamic School. Stay connected, stay engaged. Whether you graduated recently or years ago, your journey with MFIS continues to grow.

Join the MFIS Alumni Network today! <https://bit.ly/mfisalumniportal>
Create your profile and be part of our growing online community.

Mr Houssam Bizri, Marketing & Communications Manager

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