



AL NOORI NEWS

Al Noori Muslim School

Our mission is for all students to be empowered, resilient and future-focused.

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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OUR TEACHERS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING OUR STUDENTS BACK INTO THE CLASSROOM

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Assalamu 'alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu

We are looking forward to welcoming our students back at school next week. The online learning phase was exceptionally busy and the teachers have all expressed that they miss the interactions they have with their students. As part of the gradual return to face-to-face learning, the school will be taking a student wellbeing approach to ensure a smooth and happy return for all students. Parents are encouraged to continue to speak with their children about their school day and communicate any concerns with their child's teacher to ensure a successful transition.

EID MUBARAK

As we near the end of Ramadan, we ask Allah (SWT) to accept the worship, good deeds and forgiveness that we sought during His blessed month.

We wish our students, their families and the entire school community a happy and joyous Eid Al-Fitr.

The Eid Al-Fitr break will be on Monday, 25th May and Tuesday, 26th May 2020. We look forward to the gradual return of students from Wednesday, 27th May 2020.



WHOLE SCHOOL SECTION

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Wednesday, 20th May 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Years 10-12 students at schoolOnline learning K-9
Thursday, 21st May 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Years 10-12 students at schoolOnline learning K-9
Friday, 22nd May 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Years 10-12 students at schoolOnline learning K-9
Monday, 25th May 2020 and Tuesday, 26th May 2020 EID AL-FITR (END OF RAMADAN) LEAVE
Wednesday, 27th May 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kindergarten students return to schoolYear 2 students return to schoolYear 4 students return to schoolYear 7 students return to schoolYears 10-12 students at schoolYears 1, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 continue online learning
Thursday, 28th May 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 1 students return to schoolYear 3 students return to schoolYear 8 students return to schoolYears 5, 6 and 9 continue online learning
Friday, 29th May 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 5 students return to schoolYear 6 students return to schoolYear 9 students return to schoolOnline learning ceases for all years
Monday, 1st June 2020 All students at school

START AND FINISH TIMES

Year Groups	Start Times	Dismissal Times
Kindergarten	8:35 am	2:45 pm
Years 1 - 2	8:35 am	3:00 pm
Years 3 - 5	8:30 am	3:15 pm
Year 6	8:30 am	3:15 pm
Years 7 - 9	8:25 am	3:30pm
Years 10 - 12	8:25 am	3:30pm

ATTENDANCE

Parents are reminded to provide medical certificates or written and signed notes explaining absence when

their child is absent from school. Please provide the notes upon return to school.

EARLY LEAVE

Parents wishing to pick up their children early are required to complete an early leave form at the Administration Office. Please note that children must be collected before 2:30pm and not during break times.

ROAD SAFETY REMINDERS

Please ensure you park in designated areas only. Driving or parking illegally puts our students at risk. The speed limit on the school grounds is **5km/h**. The speed limit around the school zones is **40km/h**. Help keep our students safe by parking legally and driving safely at all times.

Please do not park on private property or in front of driveways. Park in designated areas and walk to school with your child.

While the COVID-19 restrictions continue to be in place, parents are requested not to enter the school grounds, with the exception of the Administration Office. Please drop off your children at the school gates. Parents are also asked to maintain social distancing whilst dropping off or picking up their children.

KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE (COVID-19)

As students gradually return to face-to-face lessons, the school has put in place a number of measures to reduce the spread of infection, including hand sanitising stations, hand sanitiser in every classroom, increase ventilation in classrooms by opening windows and doors and the wipe down of high touch surfaces throughout the day by our cleaners. Our goal is to maintain a healthy learning environment and minimise risks of infection.

Below are some quick and simple measures all students and parents can adopt to reduce the spread of infection and illness in our classrooms and at school.

Please remind your children to:

- **Wash their hands regularly and thoroughly.** Maintaining good personal hand hygiene is the single most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission. **Soap and water is most effective** and is available in the student bathrooms. Hand sanitiser are available at the Hand Sanitiser Stations located in the playground areas for use during break times. Also, remind your children that

hand sanitisers should be used in moderation as overuse can have a negative impact.

- **Maintain respiratory hygiene.** Remind students to cover their cough or sneeze through coughing or sneezing into their elbow or tissue. Ensure that students dispose of the tissue immediately and ask them to go wash their hands after they cough, sneeze or blow their nose.
- **Avoid hugging or shaking hands when greeting their friends.**
- **Maintain social distance.** Remind students to avoid close contact with staff and students where possible.
- **Avoid sharing personal items where possible.** Remind students not to share personal items, such as pens, rubbers, etc.

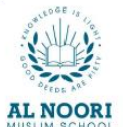
If any student shows signs of cold or flu-like symptoms, they will be sent to the Sick Bay immediately for parents/ carers to pick them up from school.

No plan is perfect, so we all need to work together and remind each other with our hygiene practices. The following posters are also on display across the school as reminders.

Have you washed your hands for 20 seconds?



Clean your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser



An important message about our response to COVID-19

The health and safety of our staff and students is of the utmost importance to our school. We have implemented a range of measures to help keep our school community healthy and reduce the spread of infection and illness. Some simple measures we ask that you adopt include:

Stay home if you are sick

If you have been unwell – with symptoms such as high temperature, cough, sore throat, and/or shortness of breath – please don't visit our school. Contact our Admin office on 02 9774 3000 and speak to one of our staff.

Hygiene practices

Clean your hands regularly and thoroughly. Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or a tissue. Dispose of tissues properly.

Keep your distance

For the health and wellbeing of our staff and students, please stand at least 1.5 metres apart while waiting in our office. Our visitors are encouraged to wait outside for their turn to speak with our office staff.

We are also applying distancing requirements across all areas of the school as is reasonable and practicable.

Thank you

We know this is a difficult time, but we are doing all we can to support our staff and students.

We appreciate your patience and support while we work together to minimise the impact of COVID-19 in our community.



Clean your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser



Stop the spread – protect yourself from viruses



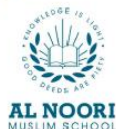
Clean your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser



Don't drink straight from a water bubbler



Clean your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser



Stop the spread – protect yourself from viruses



Clean your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser



UNIFORM SHOP

All uniform items can be purchased by placing an order. Order forms are available through the Administration Office. Parents need to submit the completed form and payment to the Administration office for orders to be processed. Once processed, the uniform item will be delivered to your child's class.

MORNING ASSEMBLY

There will be no morning assembly until further notice. Primary school students are expected to adhere to the staggered start schedules and go straight to class. High school students commence roll call at 8:25am.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

The 2021 Application for Enrolments is currently available on the School Website.

Applications are strictly due by:

- Kindergarten: at the end of Term 2
- Years 1 to 6: at the end of Term 3
- Year 7: at the end of Term 2
- High School (other than Year 7): at end of Term 3

To access the online application, follow one of the two options below:

Option 1:

Use your phone or tablet camera to access the form using the following QR Code below:



Option 2:

1. Visit Al Noori Muslim School website: <http://alnoori.nsw.edu.au/>
2. Go to the tab 'School Information' and click on 'General Information'
3. Click on the tab 'Enrolments'.
4. Click on the button 'Online Enrolment Application Form'

STUDENT VOICE SURVEY

The global COVID-19 situation resulted in schools moving to 100% online learning with curriculum being delivered through technology. The anecdotal feedback received from students indicated positive learning experiences that could be retained as part of the school's ongoing educational strategy.

The school is seeking feedback from students about their experiences, the successes and the obstacles to achievement during the online learning phase.

Students will be asked to think about what they enjoyed about the online learning experience, what specific teacher practices were effective and could be incorporated into their face-to-face learning experiences.

Students are encouraged to participate in the online Student Voice Survey to provide constructive and anonymous feedback to their class teachers.

Use your phone or tablet camera to access the online Student Voice Survey using the following QR Code below:



KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6 SECTION

TERM 2 UNITS OF WORK

In preparation for the return to face-to-face learning, K-6 teachers are reviewing the teaching content for Weeks 6-10 of Term 2. Teachers are reviewing the tasks assigned on **ClassDojo** and the students' performance in each task.

K-6 teachers will revise core content covered during Weeks 1-5 and use diagnostic assessments to determine where students are up to in their learning. Lessons and activities will be planned and implemented to supplement the learning that was delivered through **ClassDojo** and by the end of Term 2 all essential content will be covered.

PARENT/TEACHER COMMUNICATION

The education of students is most successful when the teachers and parents are in partnership, working together to achieve the same goal. Teachers and parents are encouraged to maintain open and effective communication throughout the school year.

It is highly recommended that parents continue to communicate on the **ClassDojo** app even when students return to face-to-face learning.

Parents wishing to communicate with class teachers, Arabic or Islamic Studies teachers and coordinators are welcome to reach out to staff via the **ClassDojo** app. Teachers will respond as soon as possible.

Class teachers, Arabic and Islamic staff will contact parents regarding any queries or issues that arise and will work together with parents to resolve all issues. The cooperation of parents is greatly appreciated.



PRIMARY HOMEWORK - CLASSDOJO

K-6 students will begin to use **ClassDojo** for the weekly homework. Weekly homework schedules will be uploaded at the beginning each week and students will complete and upload a variety of tasks.

In addition to the weekly literacy and numeracy tasks, class teachers will assign a range of online tasks through Typing Club, Study Ladder and Subject Coach.

The integration of ICT into our weekly homework program provides opportunities for the students to develop their ICT skills.

RECESS & LUNCH BREAKS

The primary school break times have been revised.
The new break times are as follows:

	K-2	3-6
First Break- Lunch Break	10:30-11:00	11:00-11:30
Second Break- Recess Break	1:00-1:30	1:30-2:05

The new break times allow students to enjoy a longer morning break to ensure they have enough time to eat their main food items such as their sandwiches and lunch orders.

Healthy lunchboxes are a must! Please ensure you pack your child a nutritious lunch box full of fruits and vegetables. Please avoid packing processed snacks.



CANTEEN

The primary school canteen will re-open as of Monday the 1st of June for the first break only. Students wishing to purchase items will be required to make a lunch order. All orders must be labelled with the student's name, class, the order and the amount of money provided. Orders must be placed in the class lunch order basket. K-2 orders will be delivered at 10:30am and 3-6 orders will be delivered at 11:00am.

SCHOOL COUNSELLING – PRIMARY

Our school psychologist, Ms Rayan Lazki, has commenced her maternity leave. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her continued efforts and wish her all the best. We look forward to her return in the near future.

HIGH SCHOOL SECTION

TERM 2 CONTENT

Teachers will revise content covered during the online learning phase and use diagnostic assessments to determine where students are up to in their learning. Teachers will be modifying lessons and supporting their students to ensure student confidence with the content. Students are encouraged to revise their content and prepare questions for their teachers when they resume face-to-face learning.

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATIONS

The Half Yearly Exams for Years 7 to 10 have been postponed to a later date to accommodate for content consolidation. A timetable will be released in Week 8. Teachers will be conducting content-rich revision lessons in the lead up to the examinations.

HSC EXAMINATIONS

Following the announcement of the Trial HSC Examinations being postponed, NESA has notified schools that the HSC Examinations will be postponed until Tuesday, 20th of October 2020.

CANTEEN

The high school canteen will re-open as of Monday the 1st of June as per normal operations.

PARENT/ TEACHER COMMUNICATION

Parents are encouraged to continue to communicate with their child's teachers via phone or email to seek feedback and address any concerns they may have. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be organised at a later date in the form of scheduled teleconferences. Detailed information will be distributed in the upcoming weeks.

We thank the school community for their continued support and look forward to another successful term.

Wassalaam

Mr Ali Kak

School Principal