



16 August 2021

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of Salamah College

**RE: COVID-19 AND CONTINUATION OF ONLINE LEARNING**

Praise be to the Lord Allah, the One whose protection, sustenance, and guidance we seek. I ask Allaah to raise the rank of Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, and protect his nation from that which he fears for it.

We are in very turbulent times indeed. I sincerely thank Mr Alameddine and our school coordinators Mrs Zein, Mrs Madani, Mr Hammoud and Mrs Alameddine, as well as the School's executives, Head Teachers and Grade Leaders who continue to lead our students' learning and wellbeing as smoothly as possible in these uncertain times. My special thanks to our dedicated staff for their high level of care, patience, and for the professionalism they have shown in the online learning and teaching.

Sadly, our school is very quiet indeed. Every day brings a new challenge – Year 12 students in the greater Sydney region will not be returning to schools to sit their trial examinations on-site, rather they will complete their Trials online in an open book format. Mrs Alameddine has already notified Year 12 students and parents of this late change and will continue to update them as each piece of information emerges. The feedback from the online parent-teacher meetings has again been very positive. While I know that some families would prefer to have these meetings in person, at school, I know all families appreciate this alternative opportunity.

It appears that online learning will continue for some time with people contracting Covid 19 and generally positive cases increasing. I am grateful to our families for supporting their children learning at home and I know our teachers also appreciate your ongoing support.

The students' and staff wellbeing is a priority for the school during this period of uncertainty. Teachers are conducting a number of wellbeing initiatives each week to support your children who are isolated from their friends. Nothing can replace the interpersonal experiences of actually being at school and in the classroom, however, unfortunately we have no control over this at this time. Please encourage your children to reach out to our welfare officers and Religion Department. I encourage you to reach out to our support systems on their behalf if they need any assistance with managing their moods, their learning schedules and / or their levels of motivation. We will continue to provide you with continuous updates, advice and support through such newsletters until this pandemic is over.

One of the most important components of a School's success is having healthy and supportive communication between families and the school. This positive relationship is one of the key

elements that carries students to great achievements. I kindly ask all parents to give importance to this matter and stay connected with the school.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Parents who have any academic concerns about their child(ren) are requested to communicate directly with the class teachers via email or ClassDojo.

Questions or concerns relating to the general well-being of the children or the general teaching arrangements for home learning plans can be directed to the School on the following Email address:

[admin@salamah.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@salamah.nsw.edu.au)

## **HELPDESK**

If students or parents encounter any issues with their school-issued email accounts, their access to Microsoft Teams, Moodle or ClassDojo, other ICT School provided services, or if they have any questions regarding the usage of Moodle or Microsoft Teams they may email [ict@salamah.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ict@salamah.nsw.edu.au).

Our priority is to ensure the safety, health, and welfare of our students, staff, and their families. We ask all families to act supportively, maintain calm and keep communication open with the School.

I extend to all our families my best wishes during this lockdown and may Allah protect our children, our families, and our communities from any form of harm or illness. I pray for you and your family to remain safe during this difficult time. If you have any general concern, please do not hesitate to email me directly.

Yours sincerely,



Wissam Saad

**PRINCIPAL**