



# ZAYED COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

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## NEWS

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### FROM THE DESK OF THE ACTING PRINCIPAL – UST., NAZMEEN AHMED

Assalamualaikum and Kia ora, whānau and students

#### Welcome to Term 2!

We hope you all had a restful and rejuvenating break. We're thrilled to continue our learning journey together this term and look forward to seeing the enthusiasm, curiosity, and dedication of our students as they take on new challenges and experiences.

#### Strengthening Literacy and Numeracy

During the school holidays, the Senior Leadership Team met with the Ministry of Education to review literacy and numeracy hours for Years 7 and 8. We are pleased to share that, based on their recommendations, we have successfully increased the hours allocated to both subjects. This initiative will further strengthen our students' foundational skills and better prepare them for future success.

#### Annual Qur'an Competition – Coming Soon!

We are proud to host our annual Qur'an Competition this week! This special event provides students with the opportunity to showcase their talent in Qur'anic recitation, memorisation, and understanding.

The competition promotes Qur'anic literacy and encourages our young learners to apply the spirit of the Qur'an in their lives. It is a beautiful way to connect students to the divine words and traditions of the Holy Qur'an.

#### Whānau Engagement Day – Strengthening Our Community

Later in the term, we will be holding a Whānau Engagement Day to build stronger connections between families, schools, and the wider community. This event is part of our commitment to supporting student learning and well-being through partnership and collaboration. Together, we can foster a culture of trust, improve academic outcomes, and create a positive learning environment for all.



#### Supporting Regular Attendance

We kindly ask for your support in encouraging your daughter's regular attendance at school. Consistent attendance and active participation are key to academic success. Your involvement makes a meaningful difference in your child's learning journey.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to a productive and inspiring Term 2 together.

JazakumAllah Khairan

Ustadha Nazmeen

Acting Principal

### THIS WEEK! FRIDAY 9TH MAY 2025 THE ANNUAL QURAN COMPETITION

Ladies are invited to attend the FINALS. Family members of participants are encouraged to attend.

**Final:** Quran Competition Day

**Date:** 9 May 2025

**Time:** 9.40 am - 1.30 pm

**Venue:** School Gym

Please be seated by 9.30am for a prompt start

**2025 Zayed College Quran Competition**

**Week 2- Term 2**  
**Semi-Final:** Wednesday 7 May  
**Final:** Friday 9 May  
**Venue:** School Gym

<i>Beginner hifth</i> Ad Dhuha to An Naas	←	→	<i>Intermediate hifth</i> Surah Al Hujurat or Al Qiyamah & Al Insan
<i>Advanced hifth</i> Surah Al Baqarah Ayat 1-57	←	→	<i>Tilawah</i> Surah An Nisaa Ayat 1-33

## TERM TWO

9 weeks - Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June 2025

May 7	Quran Competition Semi Finals
May 9	Quran Competition Finals
May 15	Trip to Ecomatters (Year 8's) Tech/ Science
May 19 - 23	Dentists in school
May 27	Numeracy Exams for some senior students
May 28	Literacy Exams for some senior students
May 29	Y7 trip to Waste Wise, Henderson
Jun 2	Public holiday: King's Birthday
Jun 9 - 10	School closed for Eid ul Adha
Jun 12 - 19	Mid Term Exams
Jun 20	Public Holiday: Matariki
Jun 27	End of Term Two

## FREE DENTAL CARE – UNDER 18 YEARS

All **teens** from year 9 at school until their 18th birthday are eligible to receive **free dental treatment** ( Excluding international students ). These **dental services** are funded by the Ministry of Health. Many parents and children are unaware of this free service!

### Free dental care – Kids under 13 years

Children under the age of 13 years are also eligible for free dental treatment on referral letter from a school Dental Nurse. Your child's first visit will usually be between their 1st and 2nd birthdays.

### What happens when my child turns 18?

Basic dental services are free until you're 18. If you need dental treatment after 18, and you're on a low income or have an illness, disability or injury, you can apply for government support through WINZ.

Ref: <https://www.smiledental.co.nz/service/kids-teenagers-dental-care/>

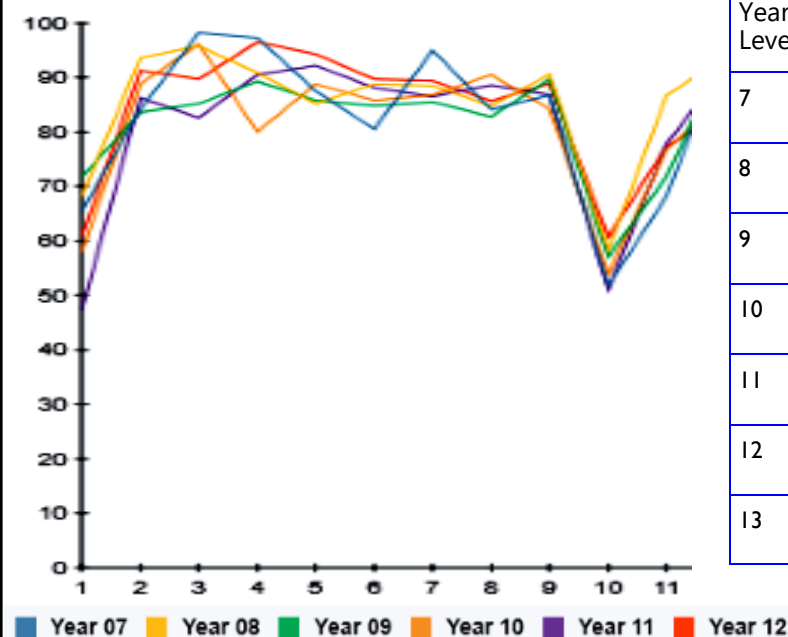
## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As we reflect on Term 1, below is a graph illustrating weekly attendance trends for the year so far. You can see a significant dip in attendance during the final three weeks—particularly around Eid Day and during Ramadan. Now, with Term 2 underway, we're excited to get back on track and make the most of the weeks ahead!

Consistent attendance plays a crucial role in academic success and overall well-being. We understand that there are times when illness or other factors may impact attendance, but we encourage everyone to prioritise being at school as much as possible. If your child is struggling with attendance for any reason, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We're here to help. Thank you to our students and families for your continued commitment.

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Attendance Officer



TERM ONE			
Year Level	24-28 March Week 9	31-4 April Week 10	7-11 April Week 11
7	86.8	51.7	68.2
8	90.6	58.3	86.7
9	89.7	57.1	71.8
10	84.2	53.9	76.8
11	86.8	51	77.8
12	88.9	60.7	77.4
13	90	53.3	71.3

\* Kamar graphs only show 6 year levels at a time. See the statistics for Year 13