

ZAYED COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, Kia ora koutou katoa

Allah Subhana wa TaÁla reminds us in the Qur'an:

"If you are grateful, I will surely increase you."
(Surah Ibrahim 14:7)

Alhamdulillah, we begin this new year by thanking Allah Subhana wa TaÁla for granting us the opportunity to gather once again as a school community. We acknowledge the tangata whenua of this land and respectfully remember those who are no longer with us.

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all. We are truly honoured that you have chosen Zayed College for Girls as the place where your daughter will continue her educational journey.

Zayed College for Girls is a school guided by a clear vision: academic excellence within a nurturing Islamic environment. Our students are grounded in our four KARE values—Kindness, Appreciation, Respect and Equity—which shape our learning, relationships and daily actions.

Our goal is to provide a rich and holistic education so that our students graduate not only with qualifications but as confident, resilient, lifelong learners who are ready to contribute positively to society.

I am proud to share that our recent NCEA results continue to sit above the national average. This success is the result of the collective efforts of our dedicated staff, our hardworking students, and our supportive whānau. As the saying goes, it truly takes a village and we are deeply grateful for that partnership.

We are also pleased to welcome new members and acknowledge the growth of our staff this year. We are delighted to announce that **Ustadha Fawziyyah**, who

has been a valued member of our school for many years, joins our Senior Leadership team as Assistant Principal, Head of Curriculum. Her expertise, dedication, and deep understanding of our students make her exceptionally suited to this role. We look forward to her continued contribution.

We are delighted to welcome **Ustadha Rehab** as our Head of Learning Area for English and ESOL. A former student of Zayed College for Girls, she returns with valuable experience and a strong skill set. We wish you both every success in your new roles.

To our students, I encourage you to begin this year with intention (niyyah). Set clear goals, strive for excellence, and remember that challenges are part of growth. The Prophet Sallallahu alayhi wa Salam, taught us the value of perseverance, patience and seeking knowledge. Mistakes are not failures—they are lessons. With a positive mindset, resilience, and trust in Allah, you are capable of achieving great things.

May Allah Subhana wa TaÁla place barakah in your rizq and enrich your educational journey here at Zayed College for Girls. I wish you all a fulfilling and successful 2026.

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu,

Nazmeen Ahmad
Principal



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OUR 2026 STUDENT LEADERS

We are proud to announce our **Student Leaders for 2026**. These students have been entrusted with leadership roles and responsibilities. We congratulate them on their positions of trust and service and we wish them every success as they lead with integrity, confidence and care for others.

- **Shifa Ahmed** – Head Girl
- **Yusra Halane** – Deputy Head Girl
- **Ummul Hafsa Razmin** – Academic Leader
- **Elham Sakha** – Peer Support Leader
- **Farishta Safi** – Sports Leader
- **Nuzaiba Dean** – Events Leader
- **Eiliyah Nawaaz** – Environmental Leader

In Islam, leadership is not about status, but about service. The Prophet Sallallahu alayhi wa Salam said:

"Each of you is a shepherd, and each of you is responsible for those in your care." (Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī and Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim)

We encourage our leaders to serve with humility, kindness and responsibility and to be positive role models for their peers. We look forward to the contributions they will make to our school this year.

WHATS COMING UP TERM ONE

6 Feb	Waitangi Day (Public Holiday)
9 -13 Feb	e-Asttle Testing y7 - y10 English & Math
16 - 20 Feb	Dibels Testing y7 & y8
18 or 19 Feb	Ramadan begins
11 Mar	School Photos
16 Mar	Science Roadshow y9 & y10
20 Mar	The school will be closed for Eid Ul Fitr. (depending on moon sighting)
23 Mar	Eid Day celebration. Students finish school at 12:30pm
23 Mar	Parent Teacher Student Conference from 1pm to 6pm
25 Mar	Tip Top Factory trip y9 & y10
30 Mar - 1 Apr	Camp Hunua y9 - y13
30 Mar	School trip y7 & 8
1 Apr	Last Day of School for Term One

TRANSPORT OFFERED

Offer: from the Manurewa, Clendon and Weymouth area.
Nisha 021 02419770

Offer: Mt Roskill/ New Windsor/Mt Albert
Fowzia 021 2604528

Offer: Mnt Roskill / Hillsborough
Zarqa 0204280973

Have you thought about carpooling with your friends and neighbours? Talk to your brothers and sisters in the Masjids, they might know of someone who drives to school or maybe you have a van or a spare seat in your car to transport students to and from school.

The school is not responsible for transport arranged by the parent. If you have any transport issues, please let your driver know.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

To help everyone have a great start to the term, we ask that:

- Students attend school **every day**.
- Students **arrive on time** and **ready to learn**.
- Parents **notify the school** if a student is absent or unwell.
- **Holidays and overseas travel are planned outside term time** wherever possible.
- **Absences must be reported by 9:00am** by a parent/ caregiver via Skool Loop App (preferred), email or phone.
- If a student is **not** marked present in the first two periods, an automated text will be sent to parents/ caregivers. Please **reply** with the reason your daughter/s are not at school.
- **If a student feels unwell during the day**, they must report to the school office. Students must not contact parents directly or leave school without office approval. The office staff will call home.
- All students leaving school during the day must be signed out through the office.
- For Doctor and dentist appointments, provide an **appointment card** to the office. If you are away sick, please provide a medical certificate.
- Please do not text or call students during the day on their mobile phones. Please call the office if you need to contact your daughter. **Mobile phones are not to be used in school.**

Keeping Your Child on Track

Here at Zayed College for Girls we have seen a positive increase in attendance over the past year but we know there is more work to be done.

We need everyone's support please, as it is a pretty simple equation: high attendance delivers better results.

A day away not only impacts your daughter's learning but affects others in class, particularly when working on group projects or collaborative tasks.

Did you know?

Students should aim to miss no more than 20 days per year (5 days per term) and they will still maintain 90% attendance!

How whanau can help.

- **Support good routines** (sleep, homework, exercise, good nutrition, being on time).
- Schedule appointments outside school hours where possible.
- **Stay connected** with the school if your child is unwell, anxious or disengaged.

How students can help.

What to do if you find an unmarked class:

- Speak to your subject teacher as soon as possible.
- If the teacher is unavailable, see Ust Aisha or Ust Lina.
- Keep checking KAMAR to make sure your attendance is up to date.
- Being proactive helps keep your attendance record accurate and avoids issues later on.

We look forward to sharing attendance data and further updates with you as we continue working together to support strong attendance and positive outcomes for all of our students.

~ Ust Lina Toi
Attendance Officer

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

Lost Property Ensure your child wears the correct uniform each day.

Label all clothing and personal items, including lunch boxes, bags and stationery, to prevent items being lost.

We have already had polar fleece jackets handed in without names on them. Lost property is often unclaimed; labelling clearly helps return items to their owners quickly.

Update Your Contact Details

Please ensure the school has your current contact information, including:

- Home address
- Email addresses
- Phone numbers
- Medical information and emergency contacts

Keeping these details up to date helps us communicate important information quickly and ensures we can respond promptly in case of an emergency.