



ZAYED COLLEGE FOR GIRLS' EDUCATE A WOMAN, EDUCATE A NATION

16 April 2020

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu

I hope this finds you and your family well and in good health and in the highest of Iman InshaaAllah.

You are now able to telephone the school where your call will be diverted to someone who can answer your queries and/or refer you to someone who can.

The phone line is open from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. The line may be busy when you call so please leave a message and you will be called back or alternatively, you are welcome to email and your email will be responded to if before 4pm.

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Email: admin@zayedcollege.school.nz

JazakumAllah khairan

WHATS COMING UP

12 March – Athletics Day
23 March – Class Photos
9 April – Last day of Term One
10 April – Good Friday / public holiday

ATTENDANCE DUES

A big JazakAllahu khairan for all those that have paid the attendance dues on a regular

basis year to year.

For those that have outstanding dues from previous years please pay immediately.

Paying attendance dues is a condition for

enrolment and attendance dues are compulsory. They are not a donation and are therefore not tax-deductible. If you are unsure of the amount outstanding please email me on this email address or sign into the Kamar Parent portal.

2020 attendance dues are now due. If you do not have an instalment plan then the full amount is due by the end of this term.

These fees are used for major project work on the buildings and land and can only be used for this purpose.

Payment can be made by cash, eftpos at reception, or internet banking -

02-0124-0100679-00

Zayed College for Girls

Please always use your daughter's name as reference when making payments via internet

Wassalaam

Kind Regards

Sunita Kalidas

Executive Officer

ATTENDANCE / ABSENCES

One of our goals this year is to improve students' punctuality and attendance at school. There is significant evidence that students who attend school regularly and on time achieve better than other students.

Your help in ensuring that appointments etc. are arranged outside of school hours when possible and bringing children into school before and after appointments is much appreciated.

If a child is not coming to school, please ring, send a note with a sibling or even better yet, download our school app, SKOOL LOOP and use the ABSENTEE option to inform the school.

It is school policy to contact parents if we have an unexplained absence. Please note that parents are legally obliged to provide a written explanation for children's absences.

The Principal has a legal obligation to report all children who are absent for more than 20 days in a school year and also those children whose attendance is

erratic or giving the school cause for concern, whether they have missed 20 days or not.



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All praise is to Allah without whom none of this would have been possible.

This was my first time going on a school camp and I was really looking forward to spending time with my teachers, students and friends, outside of school and in a safe and comfortable environment. I was also excited at the prospect of learning new skills, taking part in different activities and making new friends.

We did a variety of activities that allowed us to bond with the new students. Some of the activities that we did were horizontal bungy, archery, air rifles, lots of swimming and my personal favourite, kayaking. By taking part in the activities, we got the opportunity to learn skills in leadership and communication.

I am extremely proud of the leadership shown by all the senior students. For taking the initiative and helping out the juniors whenever they needed. The support and encouragement shown to the juniors helped make their experience an enjoyable one.

I would like to thank everyone involved in organizing the camp and making sure everything went smoothly. To the teachers that came along, Ustadha Elena, Ustadha Nadeema, Ustadha Bisma and Ustadha Sarah for sacrificing their time and families to supervise us at camp. To our school for giving us this opportunity every year and to our parents, for allowing us to have this amazing experience, Jazakum Allah Khairan.

I recommend parents let their daughter attend camp if only once. The students are well taken care of, friendships are forged, responsibility and ownership taken by the students which is always a good thing and the sisterhood of Islam is reinforced, Alhumdoulillah.

Sidiqah Yusufee, Head Girl.

Al Salamu Alikum,

I must admit, that in the beginning I was hesitant to commit to going on the camp trip. I felt that taking this step was daunting, even though the little kid in me was excited to go. This is likely because I was afraid to step out of my comfort zone. However, being a parent trying to help her child adapt to a new school and a new environment, I knew that it would be a good experience for my daughter, so I decided to take this opportunity, challenge myself and to jump right in.

Suddenly, I find myself packing for a list of items sufficient to equip me for an overseas 3 week trip, rather than a 3 day one!

While waiting for the bus and seeing the students gather around, the atmosphere was starting to spice up (in a good way that is!). The girls began to mention how excited they were to finally be able to connect with each other, not only within school grounds but outside the school grounds too. The fact that they still considered themselves to be taking part in an educational activity that would allow them to connect really did set the tone that there will be good times ahead.

After about a two hour bus drive, we arrived at the camp site and were welcomed by friendly faces. We took a long look at the scenery surrounding us, and were thrilled to begin our first set of activities.

Over the course of three days, we took part in many fun activities such as the Flying fox, Air rifles, Archery and Low ropes (that's where I slipped off a tyre and sprained my pinky, and to my luck I was video recorded by my daughter!). There were also the Go Karts, Horizontal Bungy, Burma trail

and Jiggers (a fun time seeing Ustatha Nadeema do her workouts!).

We also had Paint Ball, BMX, Raptor Ball (Ustatha Sarah had no chance of winning this one!) and the so called water slide (which eventually throws you into a mud pool. Surprisingly I heard one of the students, who shall remain nameless, say it tasted like Milo!). We had an amazing time Kayaking and many were enjoying the swimming hole (I was breathless to see Ustatha Sandy do gymnastic moves in the deep end when I can't even do a proper Rolly Polly on land!

There were many memories to look back and laugh about, and stronger friendships were made at KVCC, with some girls even facing their fears. All of the activities involved some sort of teamwork, with each and every person stepping up to the plate whether participating or giving a helping hand.

I learnt that the teachers were determined to develop the girls' leadership skills, throughout the entire camp, by encouraging and uplifting them, and I believe that everyone shone in the spotlight of the different activities, revealing their hidden talents and Alhamdulillah managed to come back in one piece!

I had a great time hanging out with not only my daughter and her friends but with other Zayed college girls of all years, joking, making new friends and wandering around the site. Likewise hanging around the teachers whether relaxing, enjoying the beauty of the surrounding scenery, having a meal or even while supervising activities, it felt like I was with friends I had known for a long time.

There was a balance between wisdom, maturity and silliness. This was surely witnessed in the lounge room upstairs.

As an adult jumping on the trampoline playing (crack the egg game) was rewarding (even though I was one of the first ones to crack!), also when playing the Stepping game (one of my favorite childhood games!). In general I cannot recall one moment where I felt regret for being involved and part of this year's Camp.

At times we came back from activities absolutely drenched, as it was sizzling hot, everyone's spirits remained high, and this has proven how resilient we could be. The activities themselves pushed us to face our fears, many facing their fear of water and deep ends, height and even speed!

Through that, I was able to see how the strong bond the students have with their teachers allowed them to strive to do their best and try their hardest, whether it was thought that it could be done or not. It was inspirational and a joy to observe.

I realised that we were learning together, and that going beyond our comfort zone can have positive impacts on all of us.

Nearing the end of camp, we all became quite worn out, though

exhausted, spirits stayed high and overall everyone seemed to really enjoy the camp. Both my daughter and I are looking forward to next year's camping trip in sha allah and to more opportunities to jump in.

Last but not least, I want to say thanks to Zayed College and the amazing team that put so much care into making camp for this year take place, and for bringing us together, helping our girls build essential life skills and allowing them to share a fun time during these precious years of their youth.

For those that didn't attend this year's Camp, I challenge you to step out of your comfort zone and embrace the thrill of this journey. They are memories that will be treasured for a life time!

May allah bless you all...Al Salamu
Alikum Wa Rahmat Allah Wa
Barakataho

SKOOL LOOP



FROM 2020 SCHOOL YEAR, WE WILL BE USING SKOOL LOOP AS OUR MAIN COMMUNICATION TOOL



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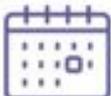
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