



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

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Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, Kia ora koutou, Greetings

PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Welcome back to returning students and whānau, and a very warm welcome to those joining our college for the first time in 2020.

I am so delighted that you all are part of our amazing learning community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and we look forward to working with you and your daughters to strengthen our home-school partnership.

New Staff

Each year brings positive change. This includes a few additions to our staff. We are delighted to welcome:

Ust Nazmeen Ahmed our new Deputy Principal and Director of Curriculum. Ust Nazmeen brings with her diverse leadership experience and a gentle and sensitive approach to school matters.

Ust Besma Shahood, our new Head of the Maths faculty comes to us after teaching for many years at Avondale College.

Ust Sharmila Chand is our Learning Support Coordinator (LSC).

Ust Ayesha Moorad is our new teacher aide.

Vision and Academic Achievement

Zayed College is a high performing school with a very strong vision that is clearly and consistently expressed by staff and students.

Life-long learning based on Islamic foundations and being ready for 21st Century New Zealand and the wider world is a key element of this vision.

Our excellent academic achievement and the scholarships gained in 2019 were outstanding. All

signs point to another incredible and productive school year. Our skilled and devoted staff are ready and have planned and are prepared for your daughters.

Our enthusiastic office staff have worked hard registering new families, ordering needed materials and updating student files. Our hard-working and conscientious custodians have spent time cleaning the school and working with builders as there was a need to extend some classrooms due to our roll growth as more parents from our community are choosing Zayed College as a place to educate their girls. And, our much-appreciated PTA is gearing up to welcome families, provide volunteer opportunities, and offer other exciting events and programs.

We are indeed a caring community with the common goal of nurturing responsible, caring students. We aim to provide a holistic education for our learners with a strong emphasis on academic qualifications, co-curricular experiences, student leadership and pastoral care.

Zayed College is a place where our girls feel safe, are able to practice their religion without being marginalised or bullied for being different and where we teach our girls to be strong in their faith and in their identity as Muslims.

At Zayed College, we take your daughters on a journey of nurturing their love and passion for Allah Subhana wa Ta'Ala and His beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alayhe wa Salam.

A journey that creates within your daughters the passion to realise their aspiration for excellence (Ehsan) and a journey to build beautiful Akhlaq through our school values of respect, integrity,

Care team which works closely together to support all our young people encouraging resilience and wellbeing which are vital for our youth.

We have high expectations for our young ladies in terms of their effort, behaviour and attendance. Providing learning experiences that will enable all our students to develop the skills, attributes and qualifications that they will need in life beyond school, is at the heart of our work.

We invite you to explore our Website and official social media Facebook pages to learn more about our school. We are proud of what our school has to offer and look forward to welcoming you to Zayed College for Girls where we believe if you educate a woman you educate a nation.

Wassalam

Ust Regina Rasheed

Principal

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 -

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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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Parent Teacher Interviews

Simple free download:
In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

UNDERSTANDING STATE INTEGRATION

State-integrated schools are schools that were previously private and have become part of the state education system. Zayed College for Girls is a state integrated school. We are government funded to teach the national curriculum.

However, the land and buildings are not owned by the government. Because of this we DO NOT get funding from the government for capital works on the land and buildings. This funding comes from the Proprietors, Al Nahyan Trust.

Section 36 of the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act 1975 enables Proprietors to collect attendance dues. This money is then used to pay for improvements to the land and buildings.

INFORMATION LINK

<http://www.youthlaw.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/Rights-at-School-Pamphlet.pdf>

YEAR 10 MATH

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu

My name is Besma Shadood. I am the year 10 math teacher. I am looking forward to working with you and getting to know you.

During the first term, we will cover two topics; numbers and measurements.

We have started working on the number topic this week and I have emailed the resources that we have used in class.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me besmas@zayedcollege.school.nz.



TWILIGHT SAUSAGE SIZZLE HELD 31 JANUARY

It was such a lovely evening for a gathering and what a turn out we had! It was by far the best attendance we have had since this initiative was started.

New students and their whanau were invited to mingle with our school community in an informal setting. Mothers, fathers, relatives and children shared banter and laughs over sausages with the staff and teachers. A very enjoyable time was had by all.

A special thanks to **Khans Westside Halal Meats**, Lincoln Rd, Henderson for supporting our event and to **Get Fresh**, Mangere for always being just a phone call away, JazakumAllah Khairan.

To our star students who stayed after school to cut onions and help set up, **Hana Omeri** y13, **Maryam Safi** y7 and **Mishbah Patel** y13, MaShaaAllah! JazakumAllah Khairan.

To our chief cook, **Mr Ishmael Nordien**. JazakaAllah khairan for your time and support as always. The sausages were cooked perfectly!

To **Ust Lina** and **Ust Nadeema** for organising the event and to all the teachers, staff and students who helped to make the evening a success, JazakumAllah Khairan.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year to welcome our 2021 students and whanau.

Nga mihi nui

“When you decide to trust Allah, you will reduce a lot of stress in your life.”

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SKOOL LOOP



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



Push notifications (Instant messaging)



Absentee Messaging: Provides a quick, simple and convenient way for a school parent or caregiver to report absentees to the school.



Paperless permission slips: Parents and caregivers can electronically sign forms & permission slips directly from your school app. Submitted forms and permission slips are directly emailed to the schools chosen email address.



Notices: All push notifications (instant messages) sent from the school are recorded here as well any school notices.



School Calendar: Up-to-date school information regarding all school events, engagements and vital dates throughout the year.

Newsletters: Available for you to read anytime.



Contact Details: All the schools details plus staff including title of staff member



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