



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

# NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

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

We were in lockdown so early in the term and here we are once again but Alhamdulillah, Allah swt knows best. These are uncertain times that require patience, kindness, flexibility and resilience from teachers, parents and students.

At Zayed College, our nurturing Islamic environment takes your daughter on a journey which guides them – the journey of learning, growth, strengthening and grounding of their Emaan, a journey that nurtures their sense of identity, builds their self-esteem, confidence and purpose as they step out into this rapid challenging world. This journey equips them to contribute to their world, both now and in the years to come while being conscious of Allah swt (Ihsan) and feeling strong in their identity as a young Muslim woman.

In addition to the above, Zayed College provides a high-quality academic education with co-curricular opportunities. We have a tradition of academic excellence, with graduates moving on to further tertiary studies across a variety of disciplines. Incorporating the New Zealand Curriculum, we take a holistic approach to the developing child, addressing social, physical, emotional, spiritual and cultural needs in addition to their academic welfare. Of fundamental concern is the development of each student towards her full potential. A girls-only Islamic environment with small senior classes gives your daughter a greater chance of success. The girls-only environment also gives our Muslim girls a safer space without the worldly distractions encountered in co-ed schools.

They are allowed to practice Islam in a non-threatening environment and enjoy activities freely without discrimination. We allow Zayed College to be a training ground where mistakes are guided with care, sincerity and a path back to the Islamic way.

At Zayed College, we care deeply about each child and build strong relationships with them on their journey. They feel valued as we individualise their learning opportunities and ensure that each child is challenged, engaged and develop a love for learning.

There is the expectation that our school values of Kindness, Accomplishment, Respect and Equality (KARE) is applicable to all staff, students, the Board of Trustees and our parents because wholehearted, inquiring young people and **those around them, who are grounded in good character and strong faith, are essential in today's world.**

Feel free to come into our school and chat about how your daughter can benefit from an education at Zayed College where we believe 'when you educate a woman you educate a nation'.

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatu

Ust Regina Rasheed  
Principal

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## NEW STAFF

Each year brings positive change. We are delighted to welcome **Ustadha Surriya Begum** our new Head of the Maths faculty comes to us from Massey High School.

It is with fondness we say farewell to **Ustadha Besma Shadood** who has moved on to Westlake Girls School. It has been a pleasure working with you. We pray Allah gives you the strength and wisdom to continue the good work you are known for, Ameen.

## 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 (no credit cards) or internet banking.

Wassalaam

Kind Regards

Pritika Kumar  
Executive Officer

### SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER

02-0124-0100679-00

### Zayed College for Girls

Please always use your daughter's name and what it is for as reference when making payments via internet

## 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.**

## ADULT LEARNING AVAILABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

From languages to cooking, computers to fitness, automotive or economic there is something for everyone.

The free pamphlets are available at the office, call in and collect one anytime or request your daughter to bring one home.



## WHATS COMING UP TERM ONE 2021

Number of weeks: 10-11

Term start and end dates: Tuesday 2 Feb

Friday 16 April

School holidays: Saturday 17 April  
to Sunday 2 May

18 March – Athletics Day

22 March – School Photos

1 April – Teacher Only Day

2 April – Easter: Good Friday

5 April – Easter Monday

6 April – Easter Tuesday (a school holiday)



## TWILIGHT SAUSAGE SIZZLE HELD 5 FEBRUARY 2021

It was such a lovely evening for a gathering and what a turn out we had! Every year the attendance grows and grows Alhumdoulillah. Mothers, fathers, relatives and children shared banter and laughs over sausages with the staff and teachers. A very enjoyable time was had by all. Thank you to all the whanau who came out, it was nice to meet the families of the students who are in our care 7 hours a day for 40 weeks of the year!

Thank you **Khans Westside Halal Meats** and a special thanks to **Naushad Ali** and his team at **Get Fresh, Mangere**. Thank you for always being just a phone call away and may Allah reward you abundantly for your generosity, Ameen Allahuma Ameen. JazakumAllah Khairan.

To our star students who stayed after school to cut onions and help set up, **Sidra Mahmood** y13, **Zahraa Isaacs** y13 and **Hareem Chaudhry** y11, MaShaaAllah! JazakumAllah Khairan.

To our chief cook, **Mr Ishmael Nordien**. JazakaAllah khairan as always for your time and support.

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 2022 students and whanau InshaaAllah.

## 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.

**Stay "in the loop" in 2020  
with our school app!**

Events | Cancellations | Notices  
Newsletters | Permission slips  
Instant notifications | Absentees  
Parent Teacher Interviews

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



# Zayed College for Girls Strategic and Annual Plan 2021

[Click here](#) to read full plan

**VISION:** For every girl to develop a beautiful character and academic excellence in a nurturing Islamic environment

**VALUES:** KARE (an affectionate term in Te Reo for friend)

Kindness



Accomplished



Respect



Equity



## FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### School Board of Trustees' Mid Term Election Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies (03) required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected. Congratulations to the new parent representatives:

**Zakirah Nazif**

**Jamila Slaimankhel**

**Rehab Al-Obaidi**

### By-election declaration of staff by-election results.

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**Nadeema Nordien**

Saba Gul

Board Secretary

## HOME INTERNET CONNECTIONS CONTINUE TO DECEMBER 2021

All homes currently connected through the Ministry will continue to have free internet access until **December 2021**.

We have provided over 45,000 student homes with free internet access as part of the COVID-19 support plan. These connections were due to start expiring this month. However, while COVID-19 is still a risk and an alert level change is possible, we want to ensure students can continue to access the internet and learn outside the classroom.

Please pass this message on to your students and families that are currently on this service. In the coming weeks, they will also receive a physical letter sent to their home address informing them of this extension. If a family has moved house, or for any other queries, contact the Learning From Home Helpdesk at [EDA@education.govt.nz](mailto:EDA@education.govt.nz) or 0800 783 744

## WORKS ON FOOTPATHS ON WESTNEY ROAD FROM MONTGOMERY ROAD

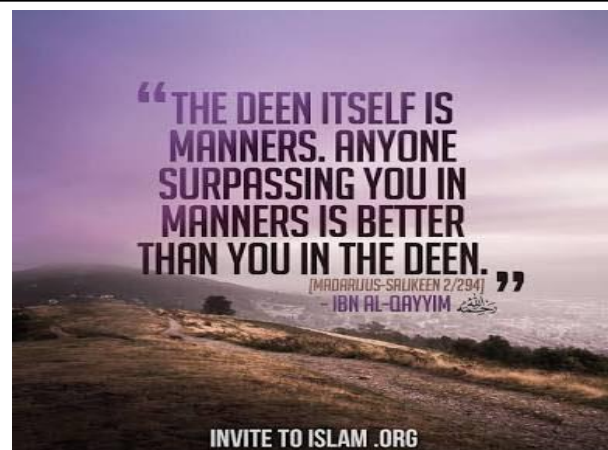
Downer will be undertaking road works along Westney Road, Mangere on behalf of Auckland Transport. These works are scheduled to start in the week beginning Monday 15 March 2021 for approximately 1 week.

Work will take place between 7am and 7pm with two way traffic maintained along Westney Road, parking restrictions will be in place during work hours (7am to 7pm).

This does not affect entry into Westney Road from Kirkbride Rd.

## BIRYANI ORDERS ARE ON HOLD UNTIL LEVEL ONE

A reminder orders received by Thursdays and payments can be made before or on Friday. \$5.00 a serve





**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.

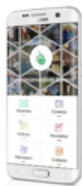


**School Calendar:** Up-to-date school information regarding all school events, engagements and vital dates throughout the year.

**Newsletters:** Available for you to read anytime.



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



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**URGENT TRANSPORT REQUIRED**

We have parents needing transport in the following areas:

Rangitoto Rd, Papatoetoe

Eden Terrace

St George St, Papatoetoe (drop off only)

Epsom

Novak Place, Mangere

Willcott St, Mnt Albert

If you have a seat available in your vehicle and can help please contact the school for more details.

The school is not responsible for transport nor will the school act as a communication between you and the driver. Please exchange numbers with the driver and speak directly. If you have any transport issues, please let the driver of your child/children know.

**A BEAUTIFUL REMINDER**

Hamza Karamali, in a post from his Basira Institute thread, described an inspiring answer he got from an elderly Syrian father of many children and grandchildren, most of whom are hafiz Qur'an:

‘What’s your secret of good parenting?’

‘Focus,’ the man answered. ‘Focus on improving yourself instead of your children, and then your children will learn to do the same.’

Mashallah! So *that’s* the vital key! Improving ourselves!

**SCHOOL PHOTOS  
22 March 2021**

Envelopes to order class photos are being sent home with your daughter. PLEASE ENSURE THE RIGHT AMOUNT IS ENCLOSED as we do not give change as the envelope is passed on to the Photographer on the day. Students are to wear full clean uniform.

ID cards are available for purchase at \$11 each and on request only. This is a separate purchase and not to be added in the envelopes sent home. No picture ID cards will be taken after this date so please ensure your child attends school this day.

Sibling/family packs are available also. If you would like family members to have their photos taken together, please advise Ustadha Lina who will issue the correct envelope and arrange the sitting.

