



ZAYED COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

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NEWS

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Assalamualaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh

Nau mai, hoki mai, e te whānau o Zayed College for Girls—Welcome back to Zayed College for Girls! And a very warm welcome to the whānau of all our new students who are starting with us this year across all year levels, nau mai, haere mai.

With immense gratitude to Allah (SWT), I welcome you as your Acting Principal. I am truly honored to lead this vibrant community of educators who play a vital role in shaping the minds and hearts of our students. Together, we begin a fresh new year full of opportunities for collaboration, growth, and achievement.

We also value the partnership between the school and parents/guardians. We encourage your active participation in your child's education and invite you to engage with our school community through various events and parent-teacher conferences.

Open lines of communication are essential for a successful school-home relationship. We will continue to maintain regular communication with parents and guardians through our newsletters, Skool Loop and website to keep you informed about important school news, events, and student progress. At any time parents who have any queries about their child's progress or any other issues are welcome to make an appointment with the class teacher or contact our office to make an appointment to discuss the matter further.

I encourage all students to approach this new school year with enthusiasm, a positive mindset, and a commitment to personal growth. Remember that every challenge presents an opportunity for growth, and our dedicated teachers and staff are here to support you every step of the way.

At the start of the year, it is all about getting into the routine of school, and 'getting the small things right'. It's important to me that students:

- Come to school everyday
- Come to school prepared for learning and ready to learn
- Be on time
- Wear the school uniform well
- Be polite and using manners
- Keep cell phones switched off and in bags, or do not bring them to school
- Get involved in different activities - arts, cultural events, sports, leadership - it's a great way to meet new people and develop new skills
- Try their best with their learning, and set goals for themselves.

Ya Rabb, we ask you to keep our beloved children and their families under your mercy, illuminate them so that they may be beacons of hope in their communities. Help them to be good company and to be in good company – to have friends that help them and not harm them. Grant them every success and fill this year with many blessings and make it a rewarding one for everyone, Allahuma Ameen.

Get involved in your school, and make it what you want it to be! I look forward to working hard with you, to make this a great year for all of us In Shaa Allah.

Jazakum' Allah Khairan

Nazmeen Ahmed

Acting Principal



2025 TERM DATES

Term 1 Friday 31 January - Friday 11 April

Term 2 Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June

Term 3 Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September

Term 4 Monday 6 October - Thursday 11 December

KEY DATES TERM 1

19 Feb Art Gallery Trip - Seniors

[20 Feb New Zealand Cambridge Learners' Awards Ceremony](#)

21 Feb Chelsea Sugar Factory Trip - Year 9

3 Mar Ramadan has started

[12 Mar Class Photo and ID Photo Day](#)

31 Mar Eid (TBC)

9 Apr Athletics Day

11 Apr End of Term 1

ATTENDANCE - EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE

Did you know that being just 10 minutes late every day adds up to a whole week of missed school each year?

Punctuality is more than just a habit—it's a key factor in student success. Arriving late to class can disrupt learning, both for the student and their peers, and means missing out on crucial instructions at the start of the lesson. Some students may also feel whakama (embarrassed) about arriving late, which can lead to further disengagement and increased truancy.

Developing the habit of arriving on time not only supports learning but also prepares students for the expectations of life beyond school, including employment and further study.

PLANNING FOR SUCCESS

We understand that Auckland traffic can be unpredictable, and at times, lateness is unavoidable. However, we encourage all caregivers to plan ahead when dropping students off to ensure they arrive on time.

At Zayed College for Girls, we operate a high-trust model when it comes to lateness. Students must sign in when they arrive late and caregivers can use Skool Loop or call to provide an explanation. If a pattern of lateness develops, we will reach out to caregivers to work together on a solution.

THE IMPACT OF BEING LATE

8:20 AM – Arriving before class starts allows students to settle in and be ready to learn.

8:30 AM – Students rushing in at the last moment are less likely to be ready for learning.

8:40 AM – The start of the lesson is missed, and the whole class is disrupted.

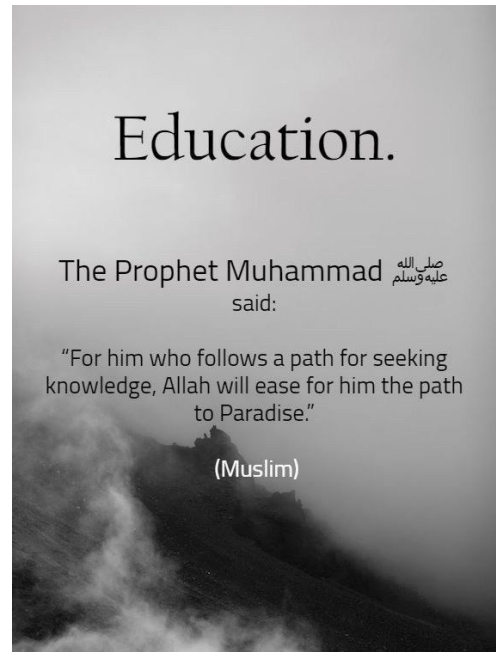
8:50 AM – Just 10 minutes late every day adds up to 7 days of missed learning per year.

9:00 AM – 15 minutes late each day results in 10 days of lost learning per year.

A HABIT FOR SUCCESS

Arriving at 8:20 AM for a 8:30 AM start is a simple but powerful habit that sets students up for success. Every minute counts — let's make them matter!

Please support your child to be at school every day and on time.



NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We are fortunate to have wonderful teachers and staff joining the Zayed College for Girls team this year:

Ust Pennie Otto – Educational Leadership Advisor

Ust Eman Teleb – Librarian

Ust Artika Devi – HOLA PHED

Ust Jenni Jamieson – English/ESOL

Ust Sakinah Ahmad – Quran Teacher

Ust Sahar – Math, Technology (returning from maternity leave)

Ust Nazia Jabeen – Math, Technology

FAREWELL AND GRATITUDE

We would like to acknowledge 6 valued staff members who have left Zayed College for Girls: **Ust Deidre, Ust Nadeema, Ust Koriana, Ust Shalu, Ust Aoemaema, and Ust Waseema**. Their dedication and hard work have significantly contributed to meeting the needs of our akonga (students). We wish them well in their various new roles.

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Asmaa Belgacem** and **Fatima Zalt**, Year 12 students, for their outstanding performance in the Cambridge IGSCE Arabic exams. Their achievement is among the highest in New Zealand and will be acknowledged at the New Zealand Cambridge Learners' Awards Ceremony Thursday, February 20, 2025 at The University of Auckland, 10 Symonds Street, Auckland 1010 (B201 Atrium), 6:00pm – 7:30pm. Jazaki Allah Khairan to Ustadha Hala for your dedication to and leadership of, our Cambridge Arabic students.

WE ARE A BYOD SCHOOL

All students are required to bring a personal computing device to school each day for use in class to support their learning. We will not be lending devices, chargers or power cords. No mobile phones are permitted.

Digital learning device could be either a: Chromebook or a Windows laptop.

The device needs to meet these minimum specifications:

- A physical keyboard
- A screen that is at least 11"
- Battery life that lasts at least 6 hours / Power cord
- 4GB of memory
- The latest version of Chrome browser
- It is able to connect to a wi-fi network

Students are provided with a login and password that allows them to access google docs as well as classroom pages so no extra software is required. No VPNs are permitted. Connecting to the school wifi is only possible on a device such as a Chromebook or laptop. There will be no school wifi connectivity for mobile phones. If you have any questions around BYOD, please contact us at school.



STUDENTS DRIVING TO SCHOOL

We would appreciate the support of parents/guardians in the implementation of and adherence to these regulations. Areas of particular concern are the carrying of passengers, the use of vehicles during the school day and the peer pressure to which student drivers are sometimes subjected.

1. Written request from the parent/guardian is required for a student to drive a vehicle to school.
2. Student vehicles are not to be used during school hours without written permission from a parent and approval by the Principal or Deputy Principal.
3. All students must comply with Ministry of Transport regulations at all times.
4. All vehicles brought to school by students must be registered with the office. Changes must also be recorded with the office within a week.
5. Permission to carry passengers is necessary. Parents of both driver and passenger/s must give their approval in writing.
6. Vehicles are used and parked in the school grounds at the owner's risk.

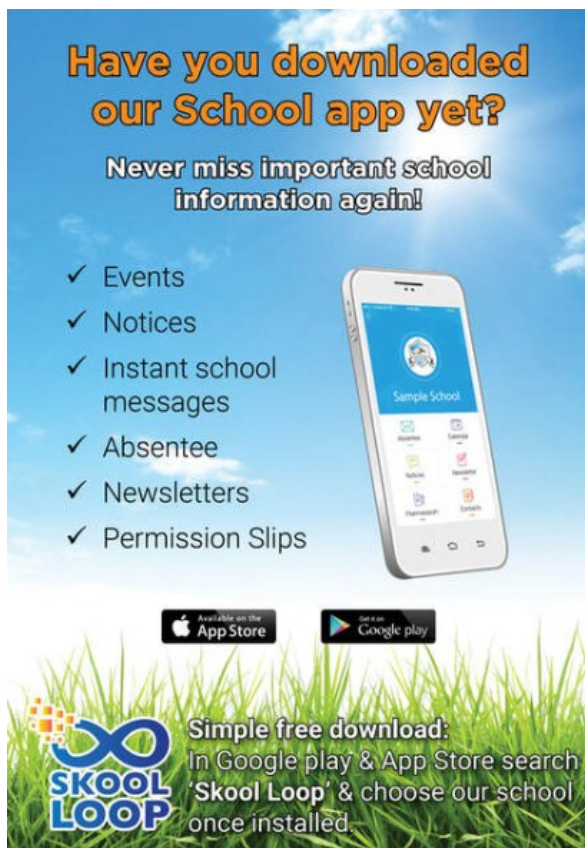
HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL COMMUNICATION APP ON YOUR PHONE YET?

We can not reiterate enough the importance of parents and whanau downloading our school communication app **Skool Loop**. This is our main form of communication especially in a civil emergency. Thank you to those parents who have **Skool Loop** already.

At least one parent has a mobile phone. We would like all our parents to have access to this app.

Please download the app as soon as possible and encourage other family members to do the same.

1. Download Skool Loop
2. Choose your school
3. Ready to Communicate



Have you downloaded our School app yet?

Never miss important school information again!

- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips

Available on the App Store

Get it on Google play

SKOOL LOOP

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

DID YOU MOVE IN THE HOLIDAYS? DO YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER?

It is important that parents/caregivers keep us updated on contact details incase of emergencies, if we need to contact you and that we can keep you up to date on school matters.

Email admin@zayedcollege.school.nz if any contact details such as address, email address, contact phone numbers need to be updated.

LUNCHES AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL

Biryani on Fridays.

There are two sizes available. Large \$7.00 and Medium \$6.00. **Cash only** is collected on delivery and goes to our local Masjid.

Orders must be placed and paid for either during breaktimes before Friday or before 8:30am on Friday.

No orders will be accepted after 9am.

Charcoal Chicken on Thursdays.

Online orders are available until 9am on the day of delivery. You can order online up to 3 Thursdays ahead. www.charcoalchickenlunch.com

FRONTLINE STAFF ARE HERE TO HELP

Our staff are here to help and will always treat you with courtesy and respect. We ask that all those working with any of our staff please treat them with courtesy and respect also.

If you would like to speak to a particular teacher about a classroom matter, please email the teacher concerned to make a suitable appointment time. If you are unsure of the email address you are welcome to call the school for the information.

If you would like to see the Principal or Deputy Principal, Prior arrangement is a must.

please email papincipal@zayedcollege.school.nz to arrange an appointment.



WATER COLOUR BY ZAYNUB CHIDA, year 10

EONZ presents

THE BIGGEST PRE-RAMADAN MARKET IN NEW ZEALAND

 Date: Saturday, 15th February 2025
 Time: 1 PM - 9 PM
 Venue: Barfoot & Thompson Stadium

Dress up in your traditional clothes and come in style to enjoy a variety of delicious foods, shopping and family fun!
Follow us for updates @event.organizers.nz

STUDENT ID CARDS

All students at Zayed College for Girls are issued with a Student ID card. These are an accepted form of Student ID with all AT (Auckland Transport) buses and trains used for student concession fare.

Student ID cards may also be used as identification when purchasing tickets for student concession at many recreational facilities (Cinemas, MOTAT, etc).

Student ID Cards cost \$12. This charge is added to each student's account and can be paid for at the office (or) online banking. Our school bank account number is **02-0124-0100679-00** please use your child's name, year level and ID Card as a reference to appear on our bank statement.

Photolife Studios Ltd will come into school to take class photos and ID photos **12 March 2025**. Students who are absent on photo day, or enrol later in the year, will need to have their photo taken in the school's main office and an ID card will be ordered. You may order photo's, more information will be sent out closer to the time.

SCHOOL SCARVES

Reminder: Due to the price increase by our suppliers we have had to increase the price of our school scarves to \$25.00 effective from the first of January 2025 as notified in the December newsletter.

DON'T FORGET YOUR PE/ SWIM GEAR!

Physical Education is compulsory for all students from Year 7 to Year 10. Students are expected to bring their PE/ gear for every PE lesson for hygiene and Health and Safety reasons.

When they don't, they are excluded from participating in class work which negatively impacts on their learning.

We seek your cooperation in ensuring that the students bring their correct gear and participate as best they can.