



PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu

Dear Parents, students and whanau

We trust this message finds you well as we embrace the fifth week of teaching and learning together. It was a pleasure meeting many of you during our orientation day and the warm powhiri welcome.

We want to stress the significance of each school day and the impact it has on your child's education. Regular and punctual attendance is vital, with students expected to be present from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM daily. We kindly request that appointments be scheduled outside of school hours. If your daughter needs to attend an appointment during school hours, please remember to provide the necessary documentation, such as an appointment letter or card from the relevant healthcare professional so we can enter the correct code for attendance.

We understand the challenges of daily life, but we cannot support the practice of picking up children early to "beat the traffic." Adhering to the designated school hours contributes to a consistent and effective learning environment for all students. It is a legal requirement that your daughter is at school during school hours.

If your daughter needs to be taken out of school during the day or for an overseas trip, we kindly ask for your cooperation in following the proper procedures. Advising the school of overseas trips is essential, as it ensures compliance with legal requirements, and the Ministry of Education stresses the importance of each school day.

We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is key to your child's success. Simple steps, like ensuring your daughter arrives at school by 8:30 AM with the correct, clean uniform and learning equipment, contribute to a positive learning environment. We are committed to working with you and are here to offer any support you may need.

We are a 'bring your own device' (BYOD) school. Please ensure your daughter has a device to bring to school for her learning.

In closing, we express our sincere gratitude for your cooperation and support. Jazakum Allah Khairan. Your collaboration is invaluable as we strive to create the best educational experience for your daughter.

Mrs Regina Rasheed
Principal

STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK

Because students can be sick due to do reasons other than Covid, please see below for guidelines that the school nurse uses to evaluate students who may need to go home. If your child has any of these symptoms below, please keep them home until the symptoms subside.

APPEARANCE/BEHAVIOR: unusually tired, difficult to wake, pale in color, irritable, lack of appetite; these are often signs of underlying illness.

FEVER: temperature of 100 degrees or higher. Child may be sent home without a fever if other symptoms are present. Your child must be fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medications) before they can return to school.

SORE THROAT: especially with fever and/or swollen glands.

EYES: discharge, swelling, redness, itchiness, pain, and/or crusting may be signs of conjunctivitis. Medical evaluation may be necessary.

NASAL DRAINAGE/COUGH: yellow or green nasal drainage, and/or cough, may prevent your child or other students from being able to concentrate. They may expose others to illness, especially if they cannot control their secretions.

VOMITING/DIARRHEA: Your child must not have any episodes of vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours before they can return to school.

RASH: any rash of unknown cause should be considered contagious. Please have your child examined by a health care provider to determine the cause and communicability of the rash before returning to school. The school may require a note from the health care provider stating that the rash is not contagious.

It is not unusual for students to feel great in the morning and then worse as the day goes by. The school is not equipped for prolonged care of sick students. We require that you or an emergency contact will pick up your sick child within the hour that you are called. Please notify your school of any changes to your emergency contacts, it is important to have a list of available contacts if we are not able to reach you.

Thank you for helping us keep our school safe and healthy.

**If you're sick,
please stay HOME**



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 would like to see the Principal, please email papincipal@zayedcollege.school.nz



It's **PTA ice block** Again!

Look for us every **Wednesday** at the
end of day by the gate.

Bring your money and support your school 😊

URGENT TRANSPORT REQUIRED for 2024

Regent Road, Papatoetoe
Namata Rd, Onehunga
Tahuhu Road, Mount Wellington

If you can help please contact the office on 09 2550904 or email admin@zayedcollege.school.nz

WHATS COMING UP

Mon 26 Feb - Dentist in school
to Fri 1 Mar

Tue 27 Feb - Y9 Chelsea Factory Trip

Mon 4 Mar - 3 WAY CONFERENCE

Fri 8 Mar - Athletics Day

Sun 10 Mar to - **RAMADAN** (depending on Moon
Mon 8 Apr Sighting)

FROM THE DEANS

This is a reminder to parents and guardians to ensure that students are wearing black tights underneath their school skirts.

This is especially important during Salah as the skirts lift up slightly when students are performing Ruk'uh and Sujood, and their ankles are showing voiding their Salah.

Moreover, students must be wearing black tights underneath so as to be polite and mindful when sitting on the ground/floor during breaks.

CAMBRIDGE SUCCESS

In 2023, Zayed College students took part in the first Arabic IGCSE assessments in New Zealand. Both **Serene Chammaa** and **Zahra Mohamed** achieved remarkable success in the Cambridge International examinations, distinguishing themselves both in New Zealand and globally.

Serene received a High Achievement acknowledgement and we celebrated this outstanding accomplishment at a ceremony on Thursday, 15th February 2024, at Auckland Grammar School. The event was a testament to the hard work and commitment of our students and we are grateful for the support of our school community.

Congratulations to our award-winning student and her family. Your achievements are an inspiration to us all. ~ **Ust Hala**

Attending the Cambridge Award Ceremony was a wonderful new experience for me. It was a night where students from around the country were acknowledged and celebrated for their commitment, dedication and hard work to their chosen subject areas. I received a High Achievement Acknowledgement in Cambridge Arabic.

Alhamdulillah, firstly with the help of Allah, and secondly my parents and teachers, I got to be one of the first to experience such an event and represent Zayed College for Girls.

I hope to use what I have learnt from the Cambridge assessments for the good of our community and society at large. May Allah grant that we see more of our students participating in this International pathway InshaaAllah. ~ **Serene Chammaa, Head Girl**

3 WAY CONFERENCE

We aim to strengthen the relationship and communication between the school, the student and the family by holding an Academic Counseling and Goal Setting programme at Zayed College for Girls.

Students play an active role in their education, therefore it is important to give them the opportunity to share their strengths and where they feel there are gaps in their learning or areas they want to improve on with their parents/ caregivers. With us all working together, we aim to help the learner achieve her academic goals.

We invite you to a three way conference that will involve the Form (mentor) teacher, the learner (your daughter) and you as their parent/ caregiver.

Date: Monday 4th of March 2024- 9am to 5pm

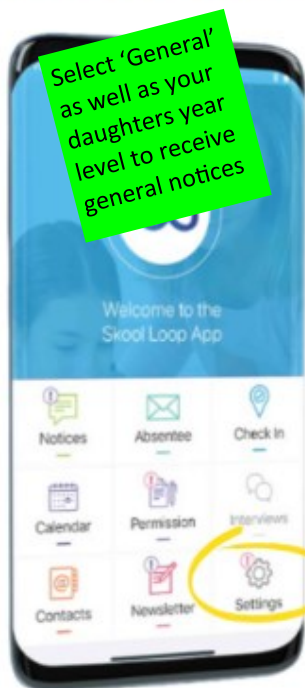
- **Venue:** ZCG Atrium

Letters will go out today via email and Year Levels on Skool Loop. See how to subscribe to notice groups below.

Y7 & 8 - Invitation for 'Three way Conference'
Y9 -13 - Invitation for 'Three way Conference' and Information Sessions

Please read these carefully as they contain instruction.

HOW TO SUBSCRIBE TO NOTICE GROUPS



TO JOIN YOUR SKOOL LOOP APP NOTICE GROUPS, SIMPLY FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW:

- > Go to the 'Settings' tile in the bottom right hand corner of the Home Screen
- > Go to 'Subscribe to groups'
- > Tap to select the group/s you would like to receive notifications from
- > You're good to go - you will now receive all notices sent to the groups you have subscribed to

NEED MORE INFO?

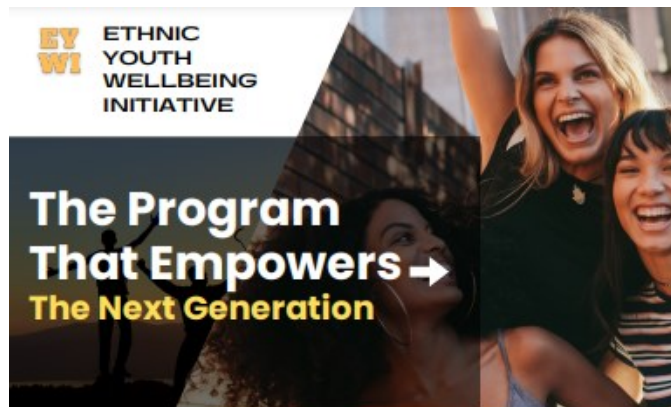
Call Skool Loop Aus on 1800 203 493
Call Skool Loop NZ on 0800 238 379



A diagram of how to make a booking via skool loop is also in the letter.

SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR JUNIORS

The school has connected with EYWI (Ethnic Youth Wellbeing Initiatives) provider. They will be providing our Y7-10 students with some strategies and skills to address some of the issues that they face during these critical years. It aims to increase student agency and build confidence and character.



WHAT IS IT?

- A program specially designed for ethnic youth who seek support in a range of challenges in their lives, involving education, family, and peers. Directed towards 12-21-year-olds.
- Done through a series of meet-ups and 1-on-1 coaching that does not affect their educational progress, approved by parents and the school.
- The program is designed according to the pace of youth, school, and family; it can be conducted at school, our offices, at home, or online, as long as we align with the vision of supporting youth in their journey of growth.

CONTENT

The EYWI will help youth with: | Dealing with peer pressure | Planning study life for success | Being assertive and confident | Overcoming cultural barriers | Dealing with family disconnect | and more...

YOUR INVOLVEMENT

We collaborate with schools and various institutes to reach youth in need of the EYWI. You will be presented with different options for involvement to empower you to contribute to the growth of the youth.

WHY JOIN EYWI?

Ethnic youth undergo a variety of challenges and hidden problems that are difficult for them to express, or these issues may manifest in different ways. We have a team of experts to help them address and solve these problems while also creating a positive environment for them.

WHAT'S NEXT

Contact the project manager directly using the details below to inquire about applying for this program for your youth.



Ethnic Youth Wellbeing Initiative

Claim your voice back!



Being told to do many things and you are only taking pressure?
Take more control of your life with the EYWI program ...



THE EYWI WILL HELP YOU:

- FIND CREATIVE WAYS TO MANAGE YOUR TIME AND STUDY PLANS
- BUILD CONFIDENCE TO DEAL WITH OTHERS
- KNOW HOW TO RESOLVE FAMILY PROBLEMS
- RESOLVE CULTURAL DIFFERENCES
- DEAL WITH STRESS AND PRESSURE
- AND MORE...



TERM ONE FOCUS - KINDNESS

As part of our continued growth of the Zayed College Way, our value focus this term is kindness. Each assembly will have this as the common theme. The reward system will have kindness as the criteria to receive each week's muslimah. We invite you to support us with this at home.

What is kindness? Why do we have to be kind? How do we practice kindness? What does kindness look like? What are some signs that you have improved on being kind?

Aisha reported: A man sought permission to enter the home of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, and when he saw him, the Prophet said, **“A wretched brother of a hostile clan, a wretched son of a hostile clan.”** When the man entered, the Prophet greeted him cheerfully and smiled at him. Aisha said, “O Messenger of Allah, you said what you said about him, but then you greeted him cheerfully and smiled at him.” The Prophet said, **“O Aisha, have you ever known me to use foul language? Verily, the worst of people to Allah on the Day of Resurrection are those whom people avoid for fear of their evil.”**

Source: Şaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 6032, Şaḥīḥ Muslim 2591



Please talk to your daughters about this as a means to embody the sunnah of our beloved Prophet SAW.

ZAYED COLLEGE FOR GIRLS - Kindness CHART

	Classroom	Atrium	Toilets	Salah Area	Gym/ Pool	Outside	Corridors	Library
Being kind to yourself	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be prepared for the class Use affirming words when describing yourself Keep hydrated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be mindful of safety hazards Ensure that your personal items are in the lockers or in your bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure that your clothes are dry Say the dua as you enter and exit the toilets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sit quietly and make dhikr Bring your own Salah mats Ensure that you are properly covered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring P.E gear (includes appropriate sports shoes) Keep hydrated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sit/walk outside with friends for fresh air and sunshine Bring your snacks and food for morning tea and lunch times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk, don't run Keep the corridors clear Know where your classrooms are 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find a comfortable space in the library for quiet reading/work Issue books out for personal reading and return books
Being kind to others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help peers and teachers Include others in constructive group discussions Be mindful and respectful of others' opinions and beliefs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk safely Keep stairway clean and clear Elevators are to be used with teacher permission only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be quick in the toilet Clean up after yourself Use the mop in the toilet to push spilled water towards the drain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be quiet so others can concentrate on their Salah Help put down the mats and to put them back 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put all equipment back neatly Help those who need support in learning new games, or in the pool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive socialising with others Sit with those who are sitting alone Leave the area clean for others to use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use soft voices when talking to someone Report any safety hazards you notice to the office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put the books in the right places Whisper if you need to say something Recommend favourite books to others
Being kind to the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throw rubbish in rubbish bins Push in chairs/ put chairs up at the end of the day Put equipment/ items where they belong 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the atrium is clean and tidy Keep entry and exits clear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the toilets are clean and tidy Ensure the lights are turned off before leaving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep mats clean Ensure that mats are folded properly before putting them away 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that all equipment is set neatly in the storage. Make sure that you don't equipment break while playing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean up after yourself Pick up any rubbish you see and throw them in the appropriate bins Recycle and reuse what you can 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep the corridor area clean Use recyclable material for display items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Push the chairs in Keep the library clean and tidy Turn off AC, lights and fans before leaving the library.