



# ZAYED COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

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## NEWSLETTER

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### - END OF TERM 2

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

Alhamdulillah, as we reach the end of Term 2, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our students, staff, and whānau for your continued support, hard work, and partnership in nurturing our young learners — academically, spiritually, and personally.

This term has been filled with rich learning experiences, growth, and a strong sense of community. We have witnessed our students striving for excellence in their studies, demonstrating leadership, and upholding the values of our Deen—respect, compassion, integrity, and responsibility.

Our school's special Islamic character continues to be the heart of all we do. From daily Salāh to Islamic Studies, and from projects to festival reflections, it has been inspiring to see our ākonga embodying the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ in their actions and intentions.

A special thank you to our teachers and staff, who go above and beyond to provide not just academic instruction but also moral and spiritual guidance. Your passion and dedication are central to our school's success and we are truly grateful.

To our parents and caregivers—your partnership in the tarbiyah of our students is truly appreciated, and we value your ongoing involvement and du'ā.

Special thanks also to our Commissioner, Ustada Linley and our SLL team for all their continued support, tireless dedication and hard work behind the scenes. Your leadership and vision are helping us strengthen and uphold our special character.

We also acknowledge and deeply appreciate our support staff, who are the backbone of our institution. From administration to caretaking and everything in between, your efforts ensure that our school operates smoothly and efficiently each day—jazaakum Allahu khairan.

As we enter the holiday break, I encourage all our students to take time to rest, reconnect with family, and stay consistent in their worship and reflection and also revisit their goals. Let us also remember those in our global ummah who are facing



hardship and keep them in our prayers.

In shā' Allāh, we look forward to welcoming everyone back in Term 3, recharged and ready for the next stage of our journey together.

Wa billāhi tawfiq.

Wasalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah,

Acting Principal

Nazmeen Ahmed

### FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Assalamu Alaikum and Kia Ora Parents,

As term 2 draws to a close, I'm writing to provide an important update on Zayed College for Girls leadership.

Ust Regina Rasheed has now left the role of Principal and is no longer with the College. I will be commencing recruitment for a new Principal in the coming weeks. I would like to thank Ust Regina for her dedication to the school over the past years and wish her well for the future.

In the meantime, I am very pleased to announce that Ust Nazmeen Ahmed will continue as Acting Principal for the remainder of 2025. My personal thanks to Ust Nazmeen for the work she is doing at the school and commend her on the ways she is engaging with the community, including the whanau engagement day and her delightful vlogs!

I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to the ongoing efforts of parents and staff and the commitment of the wider community to the best interests of Zayed's girls.

My best wishes for a safe and restful school holiday period.

Ngā mihi nui,

Linley Myers, Commissioner.



### SCHOOL HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Monday 30 June, Tuesday 1 July and Wednesday 2 July next week.

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch during these times by visiting, calling 09 255 0904 or emailing [admin@zayedcollege.school.nz](mailto:admin@zayedcollege.school.nz)

## JOIN THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (P.T.A)

Most schools have parent teacher association (PTA) you can join. These are groups of parents just like yourself who want to support the running of school in practical ways. They coordinate parent helpers, organise school events, fundraise and help create a strong school community.

If you would like to be an active member of the PTA and lend a helping hand or have a voice, please send an email to: [pta@zayedcollege.school.nz](mailto:pta@zayedcollege.school.nz) or call Sister Huma on 022 0600786.

Fathers can join us too! PTA meetings can take place anywhere! We want you all to participate!

Remember involved parents understand the challenges schools face and become part of the solution! Join us now!

## LUNCHES AT SCHOOL – HELP US KEEP OUR SCHOOL CLEAN!

To support a cleaner, more sustainable environment at our school, **we've made a few important updates around lunchtime routines from Term 3.**

For the first 10 minutes of both breaks, students will be supervised as they eat inside.

Due to ongoing issues with rubbish being left behind, we have implemented a *pack in, pack out* policy. This means students must take all uneaten food, scraps, and wrappers home each day.

We appreciate your support in helping keep our school grounds clean. We encourage families to pack a healthy, balanced lunch with enough food for both break times.

Lollies or chewing gum are not permitted.



## PARENT / SUBJECT TEACHER CONFERENCE - SAVE THE DATE

Parent/subject teacher meetings will take place on **Wednesday 30 July 2025 , Week 3 in Term 3** from 9am to 5pm.

Students will only be required to come to school with their parents for the meeting.

Interview bookings will open in the first week of Term 3, you will be advised by email and you will need the Skool Loop App to make bookings.

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## TERM THREE DATES

Term 3 (10 weeks)

Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September 2025

What's coming up

30 July	Parent Teacher Conference
7 Aug	Cultural Day
11 - 15 Aug	Math Week
12 Aug	Spoken Word Semi - Finals
27 Aug	Market Day - Year 10 and 11 only
10 - 17 Sep	Senior Mock Exams
19 Sep	End of Term

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS - CELEBRATING ATTENDANCE ACROSS ALL YEAR LEVELS

A huge congratulations to all students who achieved over 90% attendance this term — your consistency and dedication are a credit to your commitment to learning!

Well done to the form classes that hit over 90% attendance—you've earned yourselves a pizza party! They are:

**7NHD** with multiple students above 94%, including an impressive 95.1%

**13MIL, 10SJA** and **8ASK** for maintaining strong attendance, with several students consistently above 92%

**9ADI** and **12NJJ** – great job to the students keeping their attendance over the 90% mark!

To those sitting just below 90% — you are so close, and every day counts! Let next term be your goalpost to push a little further. We're proud of your efforts and know you can reach that next level.

And to those who found this term a little challenging — don't lose heart. There's always a fresh start ahead. We're here to support you in getting back on track. Remember: every day at school is a day closer to your goals.

Let's aim even higher next term!

### The Link Between Attendance and Achievement — A Firsthand Insight

At our end-of-term assembly on Wednesday, I had the privilege of presenting certificates to students who achieved 100% attendance this term. It was great to see so many of our students being recognised for their commitment to showing up every single day.

As teachers began presenting their class awards for academic achievement, effort, and positive behaviour, I noticed a clear and consistent pattern: many of the students receiving these awards were the very same students who had earlier received attendance certificates. This observation wasn't planned or prompted — it simply reinforced what we already know to be true: **regular attendance plays a vital role in student success.**

Being at school consistently allows students to stay engaged, keep up with learning, and build strong relationships with their peers and teachers. Every day matters. Even one or two days missed can lead to gaps that are hard to catch up on, especially in subjects that build on each lesson.

We understand that illnesses and family emergencies can't always be avoided, but we deeply appreciate your efforts to prioritise school attendance wherever possible. Your support makes a significant difference to your child's achievement. Let's continue to work together to give our children the best chance to thrive — by making every school day count.

Ngā mihi nui,

Ust Lina | Attendance Officer

## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills