



ZAYED COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

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NEWS

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RAMADAN AT SCHOOL

Ramadan Mubarak!

This month is one of the most important months in the Islamic calendar. A month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community.

At this time of year daylight hours are very long and it is inevitable that children who fast may feel tired, find it difficult to concentrate and be at risk of dehydration.

Parents will be called if any child shows signs of being extremely fatigued or unwell.

Please encourage your child to eat healthy food for Suhoor to help sustain them during the day. If I left my 16 year son to manage himself for Suhoor, he would sleep longer, grab a date and a glass of water before Fajr time then crash by mid morning ie, fatigue, headaches, tiredness. Suhoor time is an opportunity to create good eating habits and have family time.

Pack your daughters bags with a few snacks and a drink should they need to break their fast or their fast is broken ie: sickness and menses.

Please encourage your daughter to bring her own Quran so she can read during morning tea and lunch. It would be great if goals can be discussed and set with your daughter regarding her Quran Tilawa and Hifz.

It is a great opportunity to speak to your children about the importance of not wasting time especially in this blessed month. Keep device use to a minimum.

Let us try to keep the spirit of Ramadan alive throughout the year, we can safeguard our religion and will be able to seize many opportunities to earn the mercy and blessings of Allah which will help us to be successful in all aspects of life.

Make sincere and constant supplications. And don't forget to include our brothers and sisters who are suffering in the world, our school and our Ummah.

May Allah keep us on the straight path, the path of those whom He has favoured; Not the (path) of those who earn His anger, nor of those who go astray, Ameen.



A massive congratulations to students and parents on last weeks attendance.

Let us recognise your fantastic commitment for a minute!

Your consistent attendance shows great responsibility and dedication to your education.

By being here every day, you are not only setting a great example for your peers but also ensuring

that you are making the most of every learning opportunity.

Keep up the amazing work - your consistency is truly inspiring, and it's clear

that you are prioritising your growth and success.

Well done!

YEAR	WEEK 5
07	90.9
08	95.1
09	89.7
10	95.8
11	96.5
12	96.4
13	89.1



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

One of our annual goals is to improve attendance rates of students here at Zayed College for Girls.

We invite all of our students of 2025 to be regular school attenders, so what that means is that each student has to have a 90% record of attendance to be classified as a regular school attender.

Sometimes when we see 90% it can put us off because we often think of 90% as something unattainable and only reserved for those chosen few who are at the very top of the pile but it is achievable for all students and here is why.

90% means the minimum attendance, that over 2 weeks you can still miss one day, **justified reason only**, I am not encouraging you to miss a day of school, I am just showing you how realistic and how able you are to reach 90%.

In a school term we have 10 weeks, a student can miss one whole week in a term, again, **must be a justified reason**, and still be a 90% regular attender. So yes, you can have a 90% attendance but you need to have commitment to your education and make regular attendance a priority.

There are some real benefits if you are a 90% attender. The research shows that the more students attend school, the more likely that they will be able to optimise their learning, they will be able to optimise their progress and they will be able to optimise their achievement. By doing that, it places you in the strongest possible position to take the best advantage of the many opportunities that await them postsecondary school.

I want to invite whanau (family) to support this kaupapa (principle) as we move forward. Please make attendance a priority for your daughters and think very hard about it when they have days off school because the reality is this, every day does matter and every class period matters so we are striving as a school this year to get as many of our students to the 90% attendance record where they can classify themselves as regular school attenders. We appreciate your support in this.

When your daughter has to take a day off because they are sick or have to attend a funeral for example, please call the school and let us know, even if they're late. You can also email absence@zayedcollege.school.nz or submit an Absentee Form on Skool Loop.

So the main essence of our message to you today Whanau, is to make attendance a priority for your children.

At the schools discretion, your child's poor attendance may impact their participation in some school activities and non curricular activities .

Should you require any support with your child's attendance at Zayed College please contact me on 092550904 ext 212.

Ustadha Lina
Attendance Officer

The effect of absence on progress					
A whole year has 365 days; a school year has 190 days. That leaves 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.					
No Absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80.00%
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	

Best chance of progress and success.
More likely to be socially happy.

Harder to make progress or experience success.
Harder to make friend and more likely to be less happy at school.

This is **persistent absence** and Very hard to make progress and social outcomes are often poor. Referral to Attendance Services is likely.

SMILE! PHOTO DAY - WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2025

Photolife Studios Ltd will be in to take school ID photos **12 March 2025**.

ID photos are compulsory as they are required for our Student Management System and students will be issued with a photo 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 will be used in the school library for issuing books.

When will ID Cards be issued? Students will receive their Student ID card before the end of March 2025.

How much do ID cards cost? Student ID Cards cost \$12. This charge is added to each student's account and can be paid for at the Accounts Office.

'Catch-up' photos will be taken in the main office area (at interval) for students who are absent on Photo Day - students should ensure their photo is taken as soon as possible upon their return to ensure an ID card is issued in a timely manner.

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

All students, please ensure your uniform is clean and tidy. 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 after the photos are taken.

ATTENDANCE DUES REMINDER

Attendance Dues Structure 2025

Total Annual Attendance Dues: \$300.00 per student.

Attendance Dues are a condition of enrolment and compulsory for all students.

Payment Terms

Full payment of Attendance Dues on enrolment or the entire \$300.00 paid in full by the end of Term 1 for all students.

Purpose of Attendance Dues

Attendance dues are compulsory fees charged by the proprietors of Zayed College for Girls to cover operational costs and essential responsibilities.

Payment Options and Methods

Online Bank Payment

Account Name: Zayed College for Girls

Account Number: 02-0124-0100679-00

Reference: Child name

Code: Year Level Particulars: Dues

Cash/Eftpos payment

This can be made at the school reception during office hours Monday – Friday: 8am to 4pm

Potential Actions & Consequences of Non-Payment

- Potential referral to debt collection processes
- Review of student's enrolment status

Acknowledgment and Agreement

By enrolling a student at Zayed College, parents/ guardians agree to:

- Pay the full annual Attendance Dues of \$300.00
- Comply with payment terms and conditions
- Communicate proactively about any payment challenges
- Understand the importance of these dues to the school community.

Contact for Payment Arrangements

We encourage open communication and will work collaboratively to address any payment challenges.

Please contact **Executive Officer**: Nafisah Rasheed ;

Email: finance@zayedcollege.school.nz

NO BIRYANI OR CHARCOAL CHICKEN AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL DURING RAMADAN

STUDENT WELLBEING FOCUS GROUP

Over the next 3 weeks, "Stand Up! Community" will be talking to our students about wellbeing using the Te Whare Tapa Wha framework.

Stand Up! Community work collaboratively with youth and young adults, schools, education providers, and other relevant services. Together with the young person, they evaluate their progress, areas of strength, and future areas for development.



2025 Zayed College Quran Competition

Week 2- Term 2
Semi-Final: Wednesday 7 May
Final: Friday 9 May
Venue: School Gym

<p><i>Beginner hifth</i> Ad Dhuha to An Naas</p>	<p><i>Intermediate hifth</i> Surah Al Hujurat or Al Qiyamah & Al Insan</p>
<p><i>Advanced hifth</i> Surah Al Baqarah Ayat 1-57</p>	<p><i>Tilawah</i> Surah An Nisaa Ayat 1-33</p>

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

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

TRANSPORT NEEDED

Urgent transport needed in Weymouth, Clendon, Mt Albert, Mt Roskill, Mt Eden, Papatoetoe areas

If you can help please contact the office on 09 2550904 ext 212 or email linat@zayedcollege.school.nz and we will put you in contact with the parent/s.

Transport offered in the Mt Roskill, Sandringham area and some of Mt Albert area - contact Fowzia 0212604528

CAMBRIDGE AWARD CEREMONY

Please congratulate Asmaa Belgacem and Fatima Zalt on their High Achievement Award in Cambridge Assessments, as they celebrated their effort along with many more World Top Achievers for an array of subjects at the Cambridge Award Ceremony on Thursday the 20th held at the University of Auckland.

Zayed College for Girls had 4 entries overall for IGCSE Arabic and the school was awarded two High Achievement awards, which goes towards learner/s who have achieved a very high standard mark in New Zealand in an individual subject.

It was a moment of pride for the students, parents, and teachers from the various schools. As Muslims, we proudly celebrated our accomplishments, with each student walking on stage wearing their hijab, embodying both pride and humility.

Well done to our students and we thank our parents for their support, as we look forward to many more successes.

~Ust Hala Korshid
IGCSE Arabic Tutor



DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

To ensure a smooth learning experience in Technology class and other classes in school (for using online learning tools), I would like to emphasize the importance of students using a laptop rather than an iPad. Many essential applications are not supported on iPads or the Safari browser, making a laptop the best choice for their learning from Year 7 to Year 13.

The required device should meet the following specifications:

- A physical keyboard
- A screen size of at least 11 inches
- Battery life of at least 6 hours and a power cord
- 4GB of memory (RAM)
- Latest version of the Chrome browser
- Wi-Fi connectivity
- Students must follow the school's terms and regulations and be responsible Digital Citizens

Using a laptop will significantly support their learning across various subjects, and I strongly encourage investing in one for their long-term academic success.

If you need financial assistance or guidance on purchasing a laptop, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Nafisa (Admin). If you have any other questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me.

~Ust Sahar Ali

Teacher Mathematics & Technology

MOTH POD COMPETITION

Moth Pod competition is an annual competition organised by the Auckland Council to collect pods of this plant since it is considered a weed that grows very fast taking the space of our native plants. I would like to encourage the staff and students to join this activity to help eradicate these pods and plants from our environment.

The Y7s are already in action to collect moth pods and I have registered our school for the open category competition where we can collect pods as a school.

You can help by collecting these pods from your gardens and neighborhoods. We have official collectors notices if you would like some. It is important that you bring them to school for counting and documentation. Our collection station is located next to the vending machine. If you leave your bags full of pods there, the Enviro Monitors will count and then take photos.

Collecting and Counting of pods started on Monday 3 March and ends on 9th May!! The pods and seedlings don't count for the competition unless they are photographed properly.

Pestfree SOUTH AUCKLAND

Moth plant Competition

2025 Registrations open now!

Start collecting pods from 3 March! Competition ends 9th May

Categories for everyone!

- ECEs
- Teams of 10
- Open - no limit of people collecting

Help your community and te taiao and win up to \$1,000 in prize money!

Moth plant spreads quickly and kills our native plants. You can help control this pest plant by organising your community group, whānau, school, ECE or sports club to collect as many moth plant pods and seedlings as possible. The team who collects the most, wins!

A great way to build team spirit, help the environment and win some money!

Scan the QR code to enter
or email pfsa@otarawaterways.org.nz
or go to [Facebook.com/pestfreesouthauckland](https://www.facebook.com/pestfreesouthauckland)



Refugee Education Centre
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EID GIFT DRIVE

Let's bring warmth and joy to our deserving families at their first Kiwi Eid!

Registry is open til **17th March**

www.easyregistry.co.nz/Registry/Gifts/eidgiftdrive

NO STOPPING - SCHOOL DROP OFFS/PICK UPS

No vehicle stopping allowed in the round-about within the school grounds.

Do not stop at the front gate to drop off or pick up students. Park on the side of the driveway before the circle begins and wait for your child.

Alternatively to save congestion in the driveway: use the carpark between Al Madinah and Zayed College for Girls and the park across the road.

Plan ahead to park a bit further away from the school gate. Park further down Westney Road and enjoy the walk with your child.

Arrange for your daughter to meet you somewhere at the end of the school day for pick up.

The safety of our children is everybody's responsibility and we need everyone in our school community doing all that they can to keep all of our children safe.