# Al-Faisal College -Liverpool



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### Introduction

Al-Faisal College - Liverpool is an independent co-educational school which currently caters for students from Kindergarten to Year 8.

The College is managed by a School Board of Directors. The school aims to provide secular and religious education in an Islamic environment. It also aims to develop each child intellectually, physically, emotionally, socially, morally, aesthetically, spiritually and vocationally so that students are happy, productive and successful citizens of Australia.

Since 2015, the school has operated as one of three Al-Faisal College campuses. In 2016, the three campuses began to operate and function as different schools.

The school has quickly progressed since its inception in April 2015 growing from a handful of students to currently having 458 students enrolled across grades K-8. In order to satisfy and meet local community needs and after receiving strong community interest, the College expanded the offering of grades from K-2 in 2015 to a K-6 school in 2016 and K-8 in 2018.

The school's clear focus is the enrichment of the individual student. This will be achieved by committing to the personal development of each student by individualising programs; small class sizes; monitoring of students' progress; recognising potential talents; facilitating a dynamic learning environment and encouraging active participation in school activities and performances.

The school will be open to all children. It is envisaged that Al-Faisal College – Liverpool will have strong affiliations with the wider community hosting cultural days and performing at community centres. The school will also be involved in many extracurricular activities, participating in sporting and academic events such as debating and sport gala days. Al- Faisal College – Liverpool will provide a safe, caring, nurturing, harmonious and conducive learning and working environment to support its motto of 'Faith, Knowledge, Success'.

At the Auburn and Campbelltown schools, the students' NAPLAN results in Years 3, 5 and 7 have been extremely pleasing. Similarly, a great deal of resources and effort is being expended at the Liverpool school to develop a school culture based on high expectations and standards. The College is confident that significant gains will also be made at Al-Faisal College – Liverpool in the coming years.

The College has introduced MULTILIT/Minilit Intervention Programs into the school to enhance the literacy development skills amongst students with learning difficulties. Providing early intervention will assist in the development of higher levels of proficiency in the students' first language as well as in their second

language. The College has also introduced a Mathematics intervention program to support the numeracy needs of students across Years 1 and 2.

The on-going improvement of teacher quality will be a feature of paramount importance at the College. All staff at the College are currently involved in a continuous cycle of learning through high levels of access to professional development opportunities. Participation in workshops and in-service courses increase opportunities for teachers to gain knowledge and effective skills in order to interact with one another and with external consultants. The gains in knowledge and actions will inevitably lead to improved academic performance within classrooms.

Al-Faisal College – Liverpool meets the requirements of all relevant federal and state legislation.

## Al-Faisal College Educational and Financial Reporting Policy

### Policy

The school maintains the relevant data and will comply with reporting requirements of the NSW Minister for Education and the Australian Government Department of Education. This reporting includes participation in annual reporting to publicly disclose the educational and financial performance measures and policies of the school as required from time to time.

### Annual Report Procedures and Publication Requirements

Procedures for implementing the policy include:

- The Executive Principal and/or their delegate being responsible for co-ordinating the final preparation and distribution of the annual report to NESA and other stakeholders as required
- for each reporting area, Executive Principal and/or their delegate being responsible for the collection, analysis and storage of the relevant data and for providing the relevant information to the coordinator for inclusion in the report
- determination of the specific content to be included in each section of the report and reviewing this
  each year to ensure ongoing compliance, relevance and usefulness
- preparation of the report in an online or appropriate electronic form to provide to the NESA through RANGS Online
- setting the annual schedule for:
  - delivery of information for each reporting area to the Executive Principal and/or their delegated representative coordinating the report
  - preparation and publication of the report
  - providing the report in electronic form to the NESA on RANGS Online by 30 June 2019
  - public disclosure of the report by making it available on the internet (eg the school website) and on request in a form accessible by a person who is responsible for a student who is unable to access the internet.

### Requests for Additional Data

From time to time the Australian Government, through the Minister for Education, and the NSW Government, through the Minister for Education, may request additional information. To ensure that such requests are dealt with appropriately, the Executive Principal and/or their delegate are responsible for the collection of the relevant data/information, coordinating the school's response and for ensuring provision of data/information requested by Minister(s) through the specified authority in an online or appropriate electronic format by the due date.

### Reporting Area 1: A Message from Key Bodies

### Managing Director's Message

As the Managing Director of Al-Faisal College (Auburn), Al-Faisal College – Campbelltown and Al-Faisal College – Liverpool, it is a privilege to write a message on behalf of the School Board for the 2018 Annual Report.

2018 has been one of the most successful years for Al-Faisal Colleges. There have been a number of events and opportunities for our students to celebrate diversity, promote goodwill, harmony and "give back" to the community.

#### Highlights of 2018



This year was very memorable as we welcomed a delegation from the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, from the Vatican. The aim of the visit was for the delegates to gain a first-hand insight of the Muslim Community within Sydney, and further strengthen relations between the Archdiocese and the College. Bishop Ayuso presented a medallion on behalf of His Holiness Pope Francis as a symbol of peace and interfaith understanding.

Teachers, students and the School Board have given generously and raised a total of \$15,000.00 (across the 3 Al-Faisal Colleges) which was presented to the State President and Vice President of the Country

Women's Association

(CWA) during a special Assembly to assist all farmers and families directly affected by the drought.

#### **Building Works at Al-Faisal Colleges**

#### Al-Faisal College (Auburn)

The construction of Building E will conclude this year and we look forward to utilizing the newer wing of the College, which consists of 20 additional GLA rooms, 3 halls, extension of existing playground and roof top areas.

#### Al-Faisal College – Campbelltown (Minto)

Students have been delighted to use the new facilities in the

Secondary building of the College. The specialist rooms, such as science labs, technology (commercial kitchen) and additional playground areas have provided the students with ample space to learn the key subject areas.

#### Al-Faisal College – Liverpool (Austral)

Construction is underway for Buildings D & E which will comprise of multiple classrooms, 4 science labs, Food technology (commercial kitchen), computer lab, Technology Rooms etc.

I would like to thank all our staff both teaching and non – teaching for their dedication and commitment to Al-Faisal Colleges and ensuring our schools continue to maintain high quality teaching and learning standards. Also I would like to acknowledge the effort and achievements of our students especially in formal examinations such as the HSC and NAPLAN results.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Australian Government (Federal and State), Cumberland Council, Campbelltown Council, Liverpool Council, NSW Education and Standards Authority (NESA), the Association of Independent Schools (AIS), Police, Navy and Australian Defence Force. Thanks to our Executive Principal Mrs Adra Khan, Director of Education, Dr I. Ali, Head of Colleges (Campbelltown & Liverpool), Deputy Principals, the coordinators and teaching and



non-teaching staff, Accounts team, Manager of Projects and Properties for their time and hard work at Al-Faisal Colleges. We appreciate your hard work and effort and contributing to Al-Faisal College's success.

I would also like to thank the parents and community for their continuous support to the College and acknowledge the effort of our students. 2018 has been such a wonderful year, best wishes for 2019!

Mr Shafiq R. Abdullah Khan Managing Director of Al-Faisal Colleges

### Executive Principal's Message

It is an honour to write a message for the 2018 Annual Report for Al-Faisal College (Auburn), Al-Faisal College – Campbelltown and Al-Faisal College – Liverpool. Al-Faisal College is a K-12 co-educational school committed to providing quality teaching and learning and promoting an environment where students strive for personal best.

2018 marked a significant year for Al-Faisal College, first our college ranked 26<sup>th</sup> in the State for the HSC, topping General Mathematics 2, one of our students was recognized from the former Minister for Education The Hon. Rob Stokes for her achievement in the HSC. I congratulate all students on their significant effort and outstanding results. All students were able to gain placement at Universities and some received scholarships from prestigious universities in the State.

Our students have performed exceptionally well in the NAPLAN tests in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. I would like to thank the parental support, dedicated staff both teaching and non-teaching who have taken the time to encourage our students to reach their potential.



There has been a great emphasis on ensuring that students were provided with quality teaching and learning programs. This year our staff have received numerous professional learning / development workshops and days to upskill their knowledge about legislative requirements, policies and procedures. The staff have used evidence-based teaching to monitor, track student growth and achievement.

Our well-being program PBIS (Positive Behavioural Interventions and Support) has been the cornerstone and foundation of 5 main core values that students were explicitly taught as part of the welfare emphasis on Respect, Ownership, Achievement, Resilience and Safety (ROARS).

I would like to thank the Federal and State Government and Local Councils: Cumberland Council, Campbelltown Council and Liverpool Council for their continuous support to our Colleges. Special thanks to the NSW Education and Standards Authority (NESA), Association of Independent School (AIS), Police, Navy and Australian Defence Force for their great assistance.

Many thanks to the Managing Director of the College Mr Shafiq Khan and the Board of the College for providing all the facilities and resources for the expansion of the Colleges.

Also, a special thanks to our Director of Education, Dr Intaj Ali, Deputy Principals, Head of Colleges, Head of Studies, Head of Welfare, Welfare team, counsellors, teaching and non-teaching staff for their commitment and contributing to the success of Al-Faisal Colleges.

I would like to thank the parents for their support to the College. It is a pleasure having your children at our college.

I also acknowledge the hard work and effort to our students. I take this opportunity to wish you the best of success.

Mrs G. Adra Khan Executive Principal

### Head of College Message

2018 continued to see rapid growth of Al-Faisal College – Liverpool from its humble beginnings in 2015. The school has grown in terms of infrastructure and a student population of 458 from Kindergarten to Year 8. The construction of Stages 4 and 5, which will house the high school classes, with 21<sup>st</sup> century facilities that include Science laboratories, Food and Technology rooms, Computer labs and specialty rooms began in 2018. Planned completion is July 2019.

This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Al-Faisal College – Liverpool participating in NAPLAN. 2018 saw strong growth across all areas of Literacy and Numeracy in Year 3, 5 and 7, achieving a school average above the Australian National Average in Literacy and Numeracy. 129 top bands were achieved across the grades of literacy and numeracy. See the table below for the breakdown of top bands.

2018 Top Bands Breakdown

		2010	Top Danus Dica	Kuown	
	Grammar &	Numeracy	Reading	Spelling	Writing
	Punctuation				
Year	20	7	14	22	10
3					
Year	16	5	9	11	5
5					
Year	3	1	3	1	2
7					

Year 6 continued with their participation in VALID. Strong gains were achieved between the 2017 and 2018 cohorts with an increase of 7.45 average Valid score. It was the first year for our Year 8 students to participate in VALID. They achieved a solid score that was above state average. I look forward to continued growth across the school.

The core values of faith, knowledge and success form the basis of our beliefs, practices and teaching. In 2018 we launched our Positive Behaviour Support program, explicitly teaching all students what the values of respect, ownership, achievement, resilience and safety look like, sound like and feel like in various environments within the school. The launch of this initiative has seen positive changes in students' attitudes. We believe in developing well rounded citizens of the future that have the core values embedded in their personality.

Community values and spirit is an important component of the school's ethos. We immerse the students in various community initiatives to give back to the local and wider community. In 2018 the SRC annually visited Liverpool Hospital to distribute toys to sick children. The Year 6 students attended the local child care centres to read to the preschoolers and toddlers. Al-Faisal College – Liverpool raised money for such organisations as the Heart Foundation, the Cancer Council, SIDS Foundation, Prada-Willi Foundation and the Australian Farmers donating \$3 000 to the Country Women's Association. To promote respect, tolerance and acceptance all students were involved in Harmony Day, NAIDOC and Sorry Day activities.

The highlight of 2018 was Farmer's Day. The students and teachers came dressed in farming clothes donating a gold coin. Throughout the day classes participated in farm games such as herding sheep, barn yard toss, egg and spoon race and pin the tail on the sheep. Primary classes buddied up with high school students to participate in the activities. Another memorable moment for 2018 was the ANZAC Day commemorations at Hyde Park attended by the SRC students. The school commemoration for ANZAC Day that was attended by ex-servicemen, members of parliament and local council.

The continued support of AIS, NESA and the Liverpool Council is greatly appreciated by the would like to warmly acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Board of Directors, Director of the College Mr Shafiq Khan, Mrs Khan – Executive Principal, Dr Ali – Director of Eand the Multi-Campus Deputy Principals for their continued support of the college. Thank yo teachers and the para-professional and administration staff at the college for their commitment and It is their passion and teamwork that has made the success of this school.	Managing Education ou to the
Mrs Jennifer Abrar Head of College	
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### Student Representative Council

At Al-Faisal College - Liverpool there is a holistic approach to the education of the individual. Our student leadership policy is directed at fostering and nurturing our students' academic potential, as well as preparing students to be responsible members of their family, community and society as a whole.

In 2018 the SRC for Al-Faisal College Liverpool worked hard at being involved in different activities to bring together a sense of belonging to the Liverpool campus. They were the third group of students who were given the opportunity represent the school in many different occasions.

#### Mission

To provide opportunities and pathways for the continuous development of student leadership skills.

### "Leaders lead by example, whether they intend to or not" Mac Anderson

#### Aim

Representation and Engagement; to ensure the interests and views of the SRC team are represented whilst engaging through different activities and reflecting the PBIS values.

Student Welfare; to ensure that all students of the SRC team and staff can work together in a safe, harmonious and educationally productive environment.

Community Work; to provide opportunities for students of the SRC team to participate in activities which will aim to assist and provide for those in the greater community.

#### Responsibilities

- Representing the core values that are being taught in PBIS lessons
- Promote school spirit through participation in a range of school activities including academic endeavor, sport, fund raising and community events.
- Take a leading role during morning prayer recitation and lunchtime prayer.
- Assist their teacher, distributing forms collecting information and other duties as required.
- Represent the views of other students to their teachers.
- Wear the school uniform correctly and act as a role model for other students.

#### SRC at Al-Faisal Liverpool

The SRC at Al-Faisal Liverpool consisted of 12 members (6 boys and 6 girls). They were elected through a secret ballot system in Term 4 of 2017. These students were chosen by their peers and teachers to represent the school throughout the year. The school consisted of students from K-8 and all students from Years 1-8 participated in the voting process along with all the teaching and admin staff at the campus.

The students were given many great learning opportunities to grow as leaders, and were able to show their abilities throughout the year. Below shows how they contributed in the community and within their own school.

The SRC used their prior knowledge and understanding of the 5 core Al-Faisal College PBIS values when participating in numerous school based events.

The SRC students showed great responsibility throughout all occasions. The SRC team came up with many ideas throughout the year to keep the school community tight. The SRC team were given many responsibilities such as:

- Office duty sending messages to teachers, helping in the office and assisting of the Head of College.
- fixing books on shelves in the library each lunchtime.

_	During the month of Ramadan the SRC students collected toys from classrooms each morning for
	the charity toy drive.
-	Collection of recycling on a weekly basis a
-	Running the Buddy program. Every Monday and Wednesday at lunch time the SRC team had organised a Buddy program where students from k-2 were able to participate in. This program was
	very successful in providing the younger students with activities to play during lunch.  The SRC team assisted teachers during afternoon dismissal, guiding younger students to the kiss and
_	drop areas t
-	Organizing and hosting an end of year thank you morning tea to all parents who had helped at school and on excursions. The students served parents and conversed with them throughout the morning
	showing immense respect and acquisition of good social skills.

### Reporting Area 2: School Context

Al-Faisal College - Liverpool is an independent co-educational school where learning is equally valued for boys and girls from Kindergarten to Year 8.

The College attempts to achieve its mission through Faith, Knowledge and Success.

The school aims to build a progressive learning empowered school where students develop capabilities of critical and creative thinking, collaboration, communication and resilience that will equip them as successful young adults. We are a comprehensive school with an inclusive community and a strong student wellbeing program that seeks to ensure all students feel valued and respected.

Our curriculum is supported by extra-curricular opportunities which include sport, creative arts, and cultural immersion experiences. The school also has a strong focus on quality teaching and learning which is supported by the use of information technology.

The main goals are to produce good citizens imbued with Australian values and Islamic Culture and to become responsible, productive and contributing members of the Australian society. Students are taught mandatory subjects required by NESA and learn the Arabic Language.

At Al-Faisal College - Liverpool, we act in the belief that we all share fundamental human values and morals with others regardless of their cultural backgrounds or faith. We value the diversity of backgrounds our students and staff bring to learning and teaching. Our highly qualified and dedicated teachers and staff are our greatest assets. We have worked hard to provide our students with the best and latest technology, interesting teaching and learning programs and pastoral care.

Our students are taught Computing Studies from Kindergarten and are exposed to a wide range of audiovisual, ICT equipment and mediums. We have Interactive White Boards in primary and high school classrooms featuring modern animation, photo editing and educational software.

Our welfare policy stresses the importance of the development of students' self-confidence, self-esteem and social skills. **The use of corporal punishment is prohibited.** Our school has introduced a number of scholarships and award incentives to acknowledge academic excellence and reward high achievers.

The school's Leadership Program provides opportunities and pathways for the continuous development of student leadership skills. The program encourages and invites all students to learn about, experience and take part in leadership responsibilities and roles. The values that are promoted by such experiences include cooperation, participation, commitment and service to others.

Our program encompasses leadership opportunities and experiences at the class level, the year level the whole school level.	el and at
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Further informational about Al-Faisal College- Liverpool can be located on the My Scholhttp://www.myschool.edu.au.	ool website:

## Reporting Area 3: Student Performance and National and Statewide Tests and Examinations

### Introduction

Al-Faisal College has participated in various state-wide tests and examinations throughout 2018. The testing has been introduced by the Federal Government so that parents will have an indication on how their child is performing nationally, in these important areas of education, in relation to students at the same stage of schooling.

Al-Faisal College enjoyed a great deal of success in the 2018 NAPLAN exams which further improved on the already high standard established in previous years. In most areas we exceeded the national average with these results supported by the College's proactive intervention strategies targeting literacy and reading through our Minilit/Multilit, Corrective Reading and after school supplementary programs.

An analysis of these results assists College planning and is used to support teaching and learning programs as well as monitoring literacy and numeracy development over time.

### 1. NAPLAN

Years 3, 5 and 7 participated in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The testing was introduced by the Federal Government in 2008 so that parents will have an indication of how their child is performing nationally, in these important areas of education, in relation to students at the same stage of schooling across Australia. An analysis of these results assists school planning and is used to support teaching and learning programs.

Results obtained from NAPLAN exams provide the College with a wealth of data showing the percentages of students who achieved particular skill bands in numeracy as well as the components of literacy. Literacy is reported in four content strands (components): Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation. Numeracy is reported as a single content strand.

The results are reported against achievement bands with 6 bands assigned to each year level:

- Band 1 Band 6 for Year 3
- Band 3 Band 8 for Year 5
- Band 4 Band 9 for Year 7

The individual student report shows a comparison of the student's result to the national average for the year. The lowest band indicates a student is achieving below the national minimum standard and the second lowest band indicates the student is achieving at the national minimum standard.

The performance of Al-Faisal College's students indicates outstanding results in many areas of both literacy and numeracy across the 2018 NAPLAN years.

Further information regarding school performance in NAPLAN against State and National trends is available from the school administration office. Additional information can also be accessed from the MySchool website (http://www.myschool.edu.au/). The school results shown are compared to students nationally.

### Reporting Area 4: Senior Secondary Outcomes

Not Applicable as Al-Faisal College - Liverpool operates as a K-8 School.

## Reporting Area 5: Professional Learning and Teacher Standards

### Professional Learning

In 2018, Al-Faisal College - Liverpool provided all teaching staff with a range of opportunities to undertake relevant, quality Professional Learning to support their growth and development.

At Al-Faisal College – Liverpool, Professional Learning is seen as an ongoing educational process which should:

- focus on the development of, knowledge of, and skills in pedagogy and pastoral care,
- take into account current research and provide a balance of theory and practice,
- be responsive to the national and state agendas for education,
- support the ongoing religious formation of staff in an Islamic school.

This commitment is articulated through the College Professional Learning Plan which aims to support teachers in designing and implementing a program tailored to individual needs, including those of seeking accreditation at Proficient Teacher Level through and beyond the accreditation process.

During the year, learning opportunities ranged from whole staff days focusing on a series of issues, workshops devoted to particular teaching and learning areas, and individual staff attending externally provided courses targeting student welfare or specific curriculum areas.

As part of the College's continuous program to create and maintain a safe and supportive learning environment, staff completed or updated their Senior First Aid and CPR qualifications and Asthma management training.

Many areas were addressed as part of the College based professional learning. Refer to the Professional Development log below for a comprehensive list of staff in-services.

#### 2018 Professional Development Log

Date	Course	Delivered by	No Teachers
		Seven Steps	
23/1/2018	Seven Steps to Writing Success	representative	10
	Developing Special Strategies for Measurement		
23/1/2018	& Geometry	Peter Stowser	5
24/1/2018	Providing Effective Teacher Feedback	AIS consultant	2
25/1/2018	Child Protection & Maintenance of Accreditation	Mohammad Adra	all staff
25/1/2018	Obligations in Identifying and Responding to Children and Young People at Risk Online Module	AIS online	all staff
25/1/2018	Reportable Conduct and Allegations against Employees – Online Module	AIS online	all staff
25/1/2018	Chemical Safety in Schools Basic Induction Online Module	AIS online	1
	Chemical Safety in Schools Advanced Online		
25/1/2018	Module	AIS online	1
25/1/2018	Risk Management	AIS online	3
22/2/2018	Get Reading Right Training	Justin	2
23/2/2018	Risk Logic Training- WHS & Emergency Response	Risk Logic consultant	all staff
10/5/2018	Working With Children, Duty of Care & Code of Conduct	Safia Khan Hassanein	all staff
10/5/2018	Child Protection Refresher	Safia Khan Hassanein	all staff
10/5/2018	Attendance	Safia Khan Hassanein	all staff
6/7/2018	Spelling Mastery	Spelling Mastery Consultant	all staff
6/7/2018	Guided Reading – Writing Comprehension Questions	Jennifer Abrar	year 2-6
6/7/2018	Mental Health	AIS consultant	5
8/9/2018	First Aid Training	Reviva	
14/9/2018	WIX Training	Scope IT Consultant	2
8/10/2018	Minecraft PD	Scope IT Consultant	2
10/10/2018	Seven Steps Workshop	Seven Steps Consultant	8
11/10/2018	Seven Steps Workshop	Seven Steps Consultant	8
12/10/2018	Seven Steps Workshop	Seven Steps Consultant	8
13/11/2018	Scratch	Scope IT	4
15/11/2018	Electronics	Scope IT	4

### Teacher Standards

#### All teaching staff for the year has been categorised into the following three categories:

Category	Number of Teachers (Liverpool School)
Teachers having teacher education qualifications	
from a higher education institution within Australia	
or as recognised within the National Office of	24
Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR)	
guidelines.	
Teachers having a bachelor degree from a higher	
education institution within Australia or one	
recognised within AEI-NOOSR guidelines but lack	3
formal teacher education qualifications.	
Teachers not having qualifications as described in	
(i) or (ii) but having relevant successful teaching	
experience or appropriate knowledge relevant to	
the teaching context. Such teachers must have been	
employed to 'teach' in NSW before 1 October	0
2004 (either on a permanent, casual or temporary	
basis) and as a 'teacher' during the last five (5) years	
in a permanent, casual or temporary capacity.	

Please note: Any teachers in the third category will be employed owing to their expertise in the content areas and work directly under the supervision of a qualified teacher. Only teachers who are teaching a NESA endorsed subject have been included in this figure.

Additional information regarding total number of staff is available on the My School website: <a href="http://www.myschool.edu.au/">http://www.myschool.edu.au/</a>

### Reporting Area 6: Workforce Composition

Al-Faisal College- Liverpool has a diverse workforce which, at the time of the 2018 census, comprised of 27 teaching staff.

In 2018, Al-Faisal College did not have any indigenous staff.

Workforce Composition	Al-Faisal College Liverpool School
Full-time equivalent teaching staff*	23.2
Full-time equivalent non- teaching staff*	5.2
Number of indigenous staff*	0

<sup>\*</sup>This figure includes staff employed to teach non-NESA subjects.

Additional information pertaining to Al-Faisal College's Workforce Composition is available on the My School website: <a href="http://www.myschool.edu.au">http://www.myschool.edu.au</a>

# Reporting Area 7: Student Attendance and Secondary Retention Rates and Post-School Destinations in Secondary Schools

### Student Attendance

The College's attendance rate data is available on My School website: <a href="http://www.myschool.edu.au/">http://www.myschool.edu.au/</a>

2018 School Attendance Rates		
Year Level	Attendance Rate (Liverpool School)	
Kindergarten	N/A	
Year 1	92%	
Year 2	94%	
Year 3	94%	
Year 4	94%	
Year 5	92%	
Year 6	95%	
Year 7	95%	
Year 8	96%	
School Average	94%	

### Management of Non-Attendance

Attendance of all students is checked on a daily basis by designated class and roll call teachers (K-8). Attendance is marked on the Student Management System – Sentral. The following procedures take place to record and monitor student attendance:

- 1. Attendance for students is from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Unless students participate in before or afterschool extension classes.
- 2. Attendance must be recorded by 9.30am on Sentral (K-8).
- 3. A print out of all daily student absences is issued to Head of College.
- 4. Students who are absent for three consecutive days are to be reported by the class/roll call teacher to the Head of College (K-8) and Office. The Office will contact parents of children who are absent for three consecutive days to seek explanation of absence. Parents are also required to notify the school if their child is absent.

- 5. Upon arrival back at school after absence, students must provide a medical certificate or satisfactory letter of explanation for their absence, signed by their parents. If no written explanation of absence is provided, absence is recorded as 'unexplained'. A large number of unexplained absences may also jeopardise enrolment at Al-Faisal College Liverpool.
- 6. Parents will be notified verbally and in writing if students have incurred unsatisfactory attendance records. As a guide unsatisfactory absence is:
  - i. K-8: 15 days or more per academic year
- 7. Class and roll call teachers and Head of College (K-8) will monitor class rolls and report any concerns to the Executive Principal.
- 8. All student attendance records are kept within student files.
- 9. At the end of each term, total absences are tallied for that period and included on student reports.
- 10. Chronic absenteeism and/or continued lateness impacting a student's ability to satisfactorily meet school and curriculum requirements may jeopardise enrolment at Al-Faisal College Liverpool.
- 11. In such cases students may be placed on probation. A meeting with the Head of College may also be required if student attendance record does not improve.
- 12. The register of enrolments is retained by the school for at least 5 years before archiving.
- 13. The register of daily attendances is retained by the school for a period of 7 years from the date of last entry.

Student Retention Rates	
Not Applicable as Al-Faisal College - Liverpool operates as a K-8 School.	
Post School Destinations	
Not Applicable as Al-Faisal College - Liverpool operates as a K-8 School.	
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### Reporting Area 8: Enrolment Policy

Al-Faisal College - Liverpool is a co-educational K-8 independent school underpinned by the policies and procedures as required by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) which replaced the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES). All students at Al-Faisal College - Liverpool study Arabic (K-8) and Islamic Studies (K-8). This is a compulsory school requirement and must be undertaken satisfactorily.

All students seeking enrolment at Al-Faisal College - Liverpool and their parents are expected to support the religious, academic, cultural aims and goals of the College.

Students are expected to act consistently with the school's ethos and comply with the school rules and expectations as specified in the Al-Faisal College "Terms and Conditions of Enrolment".

#### **Enrolment Information**

Applications of enrolment may be made by the parents or guardians of the child to commence in the current or following year.

Entry to Kindergarten is open to children who are aged five years on or before 30 June and who have their immunisation up to date.

When considering whether to offer a place to the student, the School will take into consideration:

- a. The chronological order of the enrolment application,
- b. Whether they are siblings of children already attending the college,
- c. Whether the family of the student holds attitudes, values and priorities that are compatible with the School's ethos,
- d. The desirability of achieving substantive gender equality between boys and girls in enrolments,
- e. Whether there is a commitment to take part in school activities and events, and
- f. The particular needs and abilities of the student and the contribution the student may make to the School community and its co-curricular activities

#### 1. The Enrolment Process

#### 1.1 Expression of Interest Form

Parents who wish to enroll their children must first complete an "Expression of Interest" form, with the following documentation:

- Original documentation is required, such as: children's birth certificate and passport or evidence of Australian Citizenship.
- Parents must bring a copy of the child's most recent school report.
- A copy of the Naplan reports (if applicable)
- A copy of an Immunisation History Statement (all primary students)
- Guardianship and Custody Order (if applicable)

If a child has any special needs or social or health problems which may require the school to make adjustments, full details, including any medical reports, must be provided.

Parents must also agree that if they are offered a place they will accept the Terms and Conditions of Enrolment of the School.

#### The "Expression of Interest" form does not guarantee a place in the school.

If parents have supplied the abovementioned documentation and a vacancy exists or is pending, the School Administration staff will organise a suitable time for:

- the student to attend an academic assessment session

- the student to attend an interview, and/or
- the parents to attend an interview

Kindergarten applicants are selected following an interview.

#### 1.2 Offers and Waiting List

The School has an absolute discretion in determining the weight to afford to each of the factors it takes into account in determining whether to offer a place for the student and whether a place should be offered.

Parents are notified if their children have been offered a place at Al-Faisal College - Liverpool by the School Administration staff.

If the School cannot make an offer because places are no longer available, applicants are automatically placed on the Waiting List in case a position becomes available for the academic year for which entry was sought.

Applicants who do not gain a place may re-apply and complete another Expression of Interest form for the following year.

#### 1.3 Acceptance of Offer and Enrolment Form

On accepting the offer of a place at the School, parents must complete an "Enrolment Form", which includes the School's "Terms and Conditions of Enrolment" and pay the non-refundable tuition Fee.

Failure to provide the Enrolment form within the specified time may result in the position being withdrawn. Families are requested to inform the School if they no longer wish to apply for a place or remain on the waiting list.

Please note that if families supply incorrect or misleading information on the Expression of Interest or Enrolment forms, their application may be declined or an offer of enrolment may be withdrawn.

#### 2. Student Medical Records/Health Care Plan

Parents must inform the School on the Enrolment Form about their children's medical condition. The School may request additional medical reports, eg speech therapist, diabetes, asthma reports etc to ensure that students are supported in their Health Care Plan and management of prescribed medications (asthma, epilepsy, diabetes, etc)

#### 3. Immunisation

Under the Public Health Act 2010 and the Public Health Regulation 2012, primary schools must request and record the immunisation status of each enrolled child. The Immunisation History Statement which is issued by the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) is required as proof of immunisation status for enrolment at school under the NSW Public Health Act 2010. The Personal Health Record (Blue Book) is not acceptable evidence.

All new students must have their immunisation up to date.

#### 4. Continued Enrolment

It is assumed that students at Al-Faisal College - Liverpool will progress from year to year throughout the School, however progression is not automatic nor is continuous enrolment guaranteed by the offer of a place.

Pre-requisites for continued enrolment of a student includes satisfactory:

- Payment of school fees by the due date.
- Behaviour, appearance, uniform, attendance and use of college facilities and resources.
- Academic performance (class work, homework and assessment) in all Key Learning Areas.
- Restitution: students are required to pay for any items or properties damaged or vandalized (in school or off school grounds). Parents are sent a letter outlining costs of repair. Conditional entry

and further probationary consequences, suspension or termination of enrolment may apply.

The School is committed to working with parents to ensure that students meet the aforementioned requirements for promotion. Reasonable adjustments will be made to support students' learning needs, access and participation in opportunities provided by the school.

Parents will be notified, if the school believes that a student is not meeting minimum course requirements and it is in the students' best interest to repeat a year or be placed on probation.

In exceptional circumstances, when a serious allegation against a student is brought to the attention of the Head of College, the student concerned may be suspended until a complete investigation is finalised. Should the investigation extend over a prolonged period and involve outside agencies, then the suspension will be reviewed every fourteen days. In such cases the student retains their right of appeal, and if necessary the school will ensure all relevant classwork is provided to the student. The student will also be advised of available counselling services.

If the school believes a mutually beneficial relationship of trust and co-operation between parents and school has broken down, the school may require the student to be withdrawn.

#### Terms and Conditions of Enrolment

#### 1 Fees and Charges

- 1.1 The School Board determines the fees and charges that will be payable from time to time which are set out in a Schedule of Fees. They can be changed at any time by the School upon giving not less than 1 term's notice.
- 1.2 Fees and Charges are also levied for compulsory incursions, excursions, co-curricular activities, specialized programs and sport which are separately billed.
- 1.3 All Fees and Charges must be paid on or before the due date set out in the fees notice and are not refundable.
- 1.4 If there have been repeated instances of late payment the School may require fees to be paid in advance.
- 1.5 If fees are not paid within 14 days of the due date an overdue charge may be levied calculated on the amount outstanding from the due date. This charge reflects the loss which may be incurred by the School as a result of the late payment. The charges payable from time to time can be obtained from the School office.
- 1.6 If Fees and Charges are not paid within 30 days of the due date the enrolment of the Student may be suspended unless the School agrees in writing to accept other arrangements. Failure to abide by any other agreed arrangements or failure to pay fees required to be paid in advance may result in the enrolment of the Student being cancelled without further notice.
- 1.7 Fees will not be remitted in whole or part if the Student is absent due to illness, leave or suspension.
- 1.8 If students are undertaking activities which incur extra fees or charges, not less than six (6) weeks' notice must be given to discontinue these activities or six (6) weeks' fees for these activities will be charged.
- 1.9 If tuition fees for a full year are paid in advance a discount of 5% will be given.

#### 2. Withdrawal of Students

- 2.1 If Parents wish to withdraw a Student from the School, notice given must be not less than one full term's notice to expire at the end of a term.
- 2.2 If the required notice of withdrawal of a Student is not given the Parents must pay a School term's fees plus GST.
- 2.3 Where students leave to enrol at another school, the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) which replaced the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) requires that Parents advise the School in writing of the name of the school the student will be attending and the grade the student will be entering at the new school.
- 2.4 If a student who is withdrawing has siblings at the School, the School in its absolute discretion may require the withdrawal of the other siblings.

#### 3. Obligations of Students

- 3.1 Academic Performance/Study:
- (a) Students must <u>satisfactorily</u> complete all set studies, homework and pass all examinations and assessment tasks to progress to the following academic year. Failure to do so may result in the students repeating the following year//being placed on probation/termination of enrolment.
- (b) All students at Al-Faisal College study Arabic (K-8). All students also study the <u>Holy Quran and Islamic Studies</u> (K-12). This is a compulsory school requirement and must be undertaken satisfactorily. Failure to do so may result in termination of student enrolment.
- (c) Students must ensure that they are prepared for class and have their equipment and school diaries at all times.
- 3.2 Students are required to have high standards of behaviour and:
- (a) abide by the School Rules / Policies and Codes of Conduct;
- (b) behave courteously and considerately to each other and to staff at all times;
- (c) not do anything which may bring the School into disrepute, including in print, social media / electronic media
- (d) support the goals and values of the school;
- (e) become active members of the school community
- (f) attend and participate in:
- i. assemblies,
- ii. the school sports program,
- iii. important school events and/or ceremonies such as ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day, Graduation Day, Presentation Day or other events determined by the Executive Principal/Head of College, and
- iv. incursions, excursions and other activities that are an integral part of the school curriculum;
  - (g) failure to participate in curriculum based programs including incursions / excursion eg sports etc may lead to students awarded an "E" grade on their report and may jeopardize enrolment at the College

#### 3.3 Uniform

- (a) Students are expected to wear the school uniform as prescribed including when travelling to and from school and follow conventional standards of appearance while at school in accordance with the school's guidelines and the expectation of the school community;
- (b) Students will not be permitted to attend class without correct uniform / appearance eg incorrect haircut / shoes etc .

#### 3.4 Attendance

(a) Students are required to satisfactorily attend school during school hours, except in the case of sickness or where leave not to attend has been given. Absenteeism may result in the student

not being permitted to continue into the next academic year. This will be at the discretion of the Executive Principal/Head of College.

(b) Students are expected to arrive at school by 8.30 a.m. Continued lateness per academic year will hinder a student's ability to continue their studies into the following academic year. This will be at the discretion of the Executive Principal/Head of College.

#### 4. Obligations of Parents

#### 4.1 The Parents:

- a) must accept and abide by the requirements and directions of the School Board and the Executive Principal/Head of College relating to the student or students generally and not interfere in any way with conduct, management and administration of the School,
- b) are required to support the goals, values and activities of the School, and
- c) are both required to view the School's website on a regular basis and read the Newsletter.
- 4.2 The Parents must promptly advise the School:
- a) in writing of any change of home, mailing, email address or contact details or other information on the Enrolment Form, within one month of such change. Offers of enrolment may be cancelled if the school loses contact with the parent or has mail returned to it
- b) if the student is to be absent from the School due to ill health and confirm such advice in writing,
- c) in writing of any orders or arrangements with respect to the student concerning custody or access, any change to them or any other orders or arrangements which were relevant to the student's education and welfare and, if requested, provide copies of any orders to the School.

#### 4.3 The Parents also:

- a) must ensure the student has each item of officially required uniform, clean and in good repair, and all other requirements such as textbooks and stationery,
- b) should communicate with students, parents, visitors and staff members in a courteous manner, and follow the communication guidelines laid down by the School from time-to-time and observe the Code of Conduct,
- c) should use their reasonable endeavours to attend parent-teacher interviews and participate in courses offered by the school which are relevant to the student's education.
- d) not use social media to denigrate the School, staff, students or other members of the School community
- e) should not photograph other students (apart from their own child) or upload them onto websites/social media
- 4.4 Parents may be required to pay for any School items or property deliberately or recklessly damaged / vandalized by their child, whether at the School or away from the School grounds (restitution).

#### 5. Health and Safety

- 5.1 Parents must advise the School immediately if they become aware of any special needs that the student may have including, but not limited to, any medical, physical, psychological needs, or any changes to these needs
- 5.2 Parents must complete and return to the School the required health form for the student prior to the student commencing at the School and provide updates if circumstances change or as required by the School from time to time. The School may require provision of additional medical reports, eg speech therapist, diabetes, asthma reports etc to ensure that students are supported in their Health Care Plan and management of prescribed medications (asthma, epilepsy, diabetes, etc) (Refer to Medical Care Policy).
- 5.3 If the student is ill or injured, necessitating urgent hospital and/or medical treatment (for example injections, blood transfusions, surgery) and parents are not readily available to

authorise such treatment, the Executive Principal/Head of College or, in the Executive Principal's/Head of College's absence, a senior staff member of the School, may give the necessary authority for such treatment. The parents indemnify the school, its employees and agents in respect of all costs and expenses arising directly or indirectly out of such treatment.

- 5.4 Parents must observe school security procedures for the protection of students.
- 5.5 Students are responsible for their personal property and the school does not accept any responsibility for the loss of their belongings.
- 5.6 Students must use the College resources, equipment and facilities in an adequate manner. Any form of vandalism or damages caused to College property may results in termination of enrolment. Damages caused to College property must be paid for by parents of the students responsible for vandalism/damages (Restitution). Any de-faced diaries / text books will need to be replaced.
- 5.7 The Executive Principal/Head of College or the Executive Principal's/Head of College's nominee may search the student's bag, locker or other possessions where there are reasonable grounds to do so, in order to maintain a safe environment for all students.

#### 6. Programs and Activities

- 6.1 The School determines the educational and other programs and activities conducted at the School from time to time in its absolute discretion.
- 6.2 The School may change its programs and activities and the content of these programs and activities without notice.
- 6.3 The Student will be required to participate in all compulsory activities including incursions, excursions and outdoor education unless the Executive Principal/Head of College agrees otherwise. Charges may be levied for these activities and will be payable unless the student is unable to attend due to ill health or other reason where it is impossible for the student to attend.

#### 7. Reports

7.1 The School will send academic reports to the address or addresses notified by the Parents. Where an Order of the Court exists, reports will be sent to the nominated parent, if parents are separated or divorced.

#### 8. Leave

8.1 Leave will only be granted if the Executive Principal/Head of College views that it is in the child's best interest.

If the Parents wish to seek leave for the student not to attend any school academic or cocurricular program or activity during a term, they must apply to the Executive Principal/Head of College. Approval for request for leave is at the discretion of the Executive Principal/Head of College.

#### 9. Probation of Enrolment, Exclusion, Suspension or Termination of Enrolment

- 9.1 The School may place a student on Probation Enrolment or exclude a student, either temporarily or permanently at any time for reasons which may include, but are not limited to:
- a) a serious breach of the School's rules or Code of Conduct
- b) conduct prejudicial to the reputation of the School or the well-being of its students or staff, and;
- c) where the Executive Principal/Head of College or School Board believes that a mutually beneficial relationship of co-operation and trust between the School and the Parents has broken down to the extent that it adversely impacts on that relationship.

- 9.2 The School will only exercise its powers under this clause to exclude a student permanently if it has provided the student and the parents or guardians of the student with details of the conduct which may result in a decision to exclude the student and provided them with a reasonable opportunity to respond.
- 9.3 The School reserves the right to terminate an enrolment where the parents have not declared "accurate" information or have supplied false or misleading information pertaining to the student.

#### 10. Privacy

10.1 The Parents acknowledge that they have read the School's privacy policy.

#### 11. Amendment of Terms and Conditions

11.1 The School may alter the terms and conditions of enrolment at any time by giving not less than two (2) term's notice to the Parents in writing which shall apply to both current and future students and parents from the date specified in the notice.

#### 12. Definitions

In the terms and conditions:

**Parent** means the parents or guardians who entered into the contract of enrolment with the School

School means Al-Faisal College

Student means the student who is named in the Enrolment Form

### Reporting Area 9: Other School Policies

A summary of school policies for student welfare, anti-bullying, discipline and complaints and grievances can be found below, with information on:

- changes made to these policies during the reporting year
- how these policies are disclosed publicly to access or obtain the full text of these policies

#### Student Welfare Policy

Al-Faisal College-Liverpool aims to develop and implement effective and appropriate student welfare policies so that all students and staff can work together in a safe, harmonious and educationally productive environment.

Student welfare is the responsibility of all members of the College community including staff, parents and students so that a positive culture is created and maintained.

At Al-Faisal College-Liverpool, we seek to provide a safe and supportive environment which:

- Minimises risk of harm and ensures students feel secure
- Supports the physical, social, academic, spiritual and emotional development of students
- Provides student welfare policies and programs that develop a sense of self-worth and foster personal development

The Al-Faisal College-Liverpool Student Welfare Policy seeks to encourage and instruct students to reach their potential within the framework of student rights, student responsibilities and College regulations. Students at risk are provided with early intervention programs.

As an Islamic school, Al-Faisal College-Liverpool has certain advantages in promoting welfare practices, given that:

- we are a culturally and religiously cohesive school
- Islam embodies a range of values which are highly relevant in forming the basis of welfare policies and practices such as the Al-Faisal ROARS PBIS Program offered which emphasizes core values: Respect, Ownership, Achievement, Resilience and Safety
- a belief in Islamic and Australian values is at the core of the school ethos

The use of corporal punishment, in any form, is prohibited and has no place in the welfare and disciplinary policies and practices at Al-Faisal College-Liverpool.

The school does not explicitly or implicitly sanction the administration of corporal punishment by non-school persons, including parents/caregivers to enforce discipline at this school.

Additionally Al-Faisal College-Liverpool does not sanction or support the use of corporal punishment by parents or others for misbehavior that has occurred at school or during school based activities.

The location of the full text of Al-Faisal College's-Liverpool policies can be accessed by request from the Executive Principal or found on our school website <a href="http://afc.nsw.edu.au/">http://afc.nsw.edu.au/</a>

#### Anti-bullying Policy

Al-Faisal College-Liverpool is committed to providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment for students and staff. The College's Anti-Bullying policy and procedures are underpinned by Islamic values of individual respect and acceptance of difference and diversity in our school community. At Al-Faisal College-Liverpool there is a zero tolerance of bullying behaviour in any of its many forms.

This policy is directed at both preventing and responding to incidences of bullying in the school community through a multi-faceted, long term, whole school approach.

Al-Faisal College-Liverpool aims to create a positive anti-bullying culture where it is acceptable and encouraged to report incidents of bullying.

The school is committed to a process that seriously and sensitively responds to reports of bullying by students or staff, victims or witnesses and provides a basis for working with the bully to modify their negative behaviour.

The location of the full text of Al-Faisal College's policies can be accessed by request from the Executive Principal or found on our school website <a href="http://afc.nsw.edu.au/">http://afc.nsw.edu.au/</a>

#### Behaviour Management (Discipline) Policy

Al-Faisal College-Liverpool aims to provide programs that develop self-discipline, self-review, effective communication and conflict resolution skills in students. While the development of independent learners is the ultimate aim, this needs to be supported by a whole school behaviour management policy which has clear guidelines, well defined expectations, consequences and support structures to acknowledge appropriate behaviour and address inappropriate and unacceptable behaviour. Whenever possible, staff should use praise and recognition to encourage students towards self-discipline, the development of self-esteem, positive relationships, problem-solving and dispute resolution.

Students are required to abide by the School's rules and to follow the directions of teachers and other people with authority delegated by the School. Where disciplinary action is required penalties imposed vary according to the nature of the breach of discipline and a student's prior behaviour. Corporal punishment is not permitted under any circumstances.

Al-Faisal College-Liverpool has adopted policies relating to discipline of students based on the principles of procedural fairness. It is the responsibility of the College to determine incidents that require disciplinary action and the nature of penalties that may result from an unbiased decision process.

Students will be given every opportunity to meet school expectations and behave in a correct and appropriate manner according to school policies. At every stage they will be counselled by appropriate staff and there are a number of processes in place for dealing with suspensions and expulsions in accordance with procedural fairness.

Excerpts of the School's Discipline Policy and associated procedures are provided to all members of the School community through:

- Parent Information Booklets
- Student Diaries
- School newsletters
- Parent Portal

The location of the full text of Al-Faisal College's-Liverpool policies can be accessed by request from the Executive Principal or found on our school website <a href="http://afc.nsw.edu.au/">http://afc.nsw.edu.au/</a>

#### Complaints and Grievances Policy

Al-Faisal College-Liverpool values its students, staff and parents and believes that a process for the acceptance, monitoring and resolution of conflict, complaints and grievances is in the best interests of maintaining a harmonious, supportive and productive School community.

The College values the feedback it receives from parents and the community. Responding to both positive and negative comment is integral to the School's commitment to open communication with the School community and general public. Complaints about any aspect of the School's operations, service or staff will be handled responsively, openly and in a timely manner, with the aim of resolving any complaint through a clearly articulated process and one that respects the confidential nature of such matters. The School learns from criticism and these are treated as constructive suggestions that should be used to improve what we do and how we perform.

This grievance policy is aimed at providing a mechanism for resolving grievances in a quick, simple, well defined manner in a supportive and co-operative environment with the utmost confidentiality and sensitivity.

The School's Policy for dealing with complaints and grievances includes processes for raising and responding to matters of concern identified by parents and/or students.

These processes incorporate, as appropriate, principles of procedural fairness. The full text of the School's policy and processes for employee complaints and grievances resolution is provided in Al-Faisal College's-Liverpool Policy Manual and is also available on the school's website.

Processes in relation to student and parent complaints are also outlined in the Grievances and Complaints Policy for Parents and Students which is also available on the school's website.

Procedures for raising and responding to concerns raised about the TAA's Accreditation Process are also included in the grievance policy.

The location of the full text of Al-Faisal College's-Liverpool policies can be accessed by request from the Executive Principal or found on our school website <a href="http://afc.nsw.edu.au/">http://afc.nsw.edu.au/</a>

#### Accessibility of and Changes to Policies

Most of Al-Faisal College's-Liverpool policies are available on the schools website at <a href="http://afc.nsw.edu.au/">http://afc.nsw.edu.au/</a>. To ensure that all aspects of the College's mission for providing a safe and supportive environment is implemented, a continuous cycle of evaluation takes place to review policies to ensure they reflect best practice and comply with NESA requirements. The table below lists policies where modifications have been made in 2018.

Policy	Changes in 2018	Access to full text
Anti- Bullying	Policy Reviewed Inclusion of 5 core values (Respect, Ownership, Achievement, Resilience, Safety) and addition of Positive Behaviour Intervention and Supports (PBIS) program	The full text of the policy can be accessed by request from the Executive Principal or from the school website, newsletters, diaries, parent portal
Attendance	Policy reviewed: Partial absences procedures for students updated	The full text of the policy can be accessed by request from the principal or from the school website, newsletters, diaries, parent portal
Behaviour Management	Policy Reviewed Implementation of PBIS Program Reward System	The full text of the policy can be accessed by request from the Executive Principal or from the school website, newsletters, diaries, parent portal
Chemical Safety	Policy reviewed: Storage and disposal of chemicals	The full text of the policy can be accessed by request from the Executive Principal or from the school website.
Counselling	Policy reviewed: Referral Process updated	The full text of the policy can be accessed by request from the Executive Principal or from the school website.
Emergency Response	Policy reviewed: List of area wardens updated.	The full text of the policy can be accessed by request from the Executive Principal.
Enrolment	Policy reviewed: Additional items for Terms and Conditions of Enrolment	The full text of the policy can be accessed by request from the Executive Principal or from the school website, newsletters, diaries, parent portal
Disability	Policy reviewed: Access to Buildings and amenities added in light of new Buildings built	The full text of the policy can be accessed by request from the Executive Principal or from the school website.
Educational and Financial Reporting	Policy reviewed: Key dates updated.	The full text of the policy can be accessed by request from the principal or from the school website.
Experience Teacher Accreditation	Policy reviewed: Key dates updated.	The full text of the policy can be accessed by request from the principal or from the school website.
Facilities	Policy reviewed: Additional Buildings and Onsite/Offsite facilities and resources	The full text of the policy can be accessed by request from the Executive Principal or from the school website.
Governance	Policy reviewed: Inclusion of Child Protection awareness by Board Members and Working With Child Checks clearances	The full text of the policy can be accessed by request from the Executive Principal or from the school website.
Grievance	Policy reviewed:	The full text of the policy can be accessed by

	Grievance Procedures updated	request from the Executive Principal or from the school website,
School Uniform	Policy reviewed: School Uniform Update	The full text of the policy can be accessed by request from the Executive Principal or from the school website, newsletters, diaries, parent portal
Teachers Employment	Policy reviewed: NESA's Guidelines for the Regulation of Teacher Accreditation Authorities for Non-government Schools. Eligibility for teachers to be employed by registered non- government schools and accredited to teach in NSW. Teacher Accreditation Act update	Distributed to all staff.
Welfare Policy	Policy Reviewed Emphasis on PBIS Clarification to staff of processes involved when monitoring and reviewing student welfare	The full text of the policy can be accessed by request from the Executive Principal or from the school website, newsletters, diaries, parent portal

### Reporting Area 10: School Determined Improvement Targets

### 2019 Priority Areas for Improvement

Area	Priorities					
Teaching and Learning	<ul> <li>Employ additional learning support staff to offer small group (Tier 2) intervention in numeracy in Stage 4</li> <li>Implement new Stage 5 Commerce syllabus requirements</li> <li>Employ a part-time staff member to support library services</li> <li>Develop a K-6 common writing rubric that has links to the NAPLAN marking guide and learning progressions</li> <li>Modify our assessments for reading to allow data to be collect on the mastery of comprehension strategies</li> <li>Finalise the development of new teaching programs based on the K-6 PDHPE Syllabus.</li> <li>Integrate guided reading with Science, History and Geography across Years 2-6 by creating mandatory booklists</li> <li>Expand the K-6 Arabic language programs to include a play based focus.</li> </ul>					
Student Achievements and Welfare	Develop Conversational Arabic program for Years 2 and 3 and to develop a Years 4-6 Grammar program that builds on the early years  • Ensure 80% of Year 1 students meet expected phonics knowledge by passing a screening check by providing early intervention programs.  • Students recording below 65% in Mathematics formative assessment provided					
	<ul> <li>with intervention from Years 2-8</li> <li>30% of Year 5 students needing support in number operations provided with intervention using Quicksmart program         Introducing K-6 writing rubric and student assessment book to enable students, parents and teacher the opportunity to track student progress more effectively     </li> <li>Finalise the roll out of the final phase of PBIS by commencing the teaching of</li> </ul>					
Staff Training	<ul> <li>values in 'Year B'</li> <li>Continue the College's partnership with Get Reading Right with consultants leading demonstration and observation sessions with K-2 staff.</li> <li>Encourage all K-12 staff to have a valid First Aid certificate by conducting the</li> </ul>					

	<ul> <li>first aid training course.</li> <li>In-service all staff on Child Protection and Duty of Care responsibilities by school's child protection investigator.</li> </ul>
Facilities and Resources	<ul> <li>Construction of Stages 4,5 and 6. The new buildings will include science and computer labs, additional classrooms, staff and student amenities, food technology and visual arts rooms.</li> <li>Installation of CCTV Cameras and access control systems as part of the school upgrade and security upgrade.</li> <li>New computers, smart boards and classroom furniture in the new school buildings.</li> </ul>

### Achievements of priorities identified in school's 2017 Annual Report

Area	Priorities	Achievements
Teaching and Learning	<ul> <li>Employ additional learning support staff to expand various reading and numeracy intervention programs for students requiring support in Minilit, Multilit and Quicksmart.</li> </ul>	The college employed additional paraprofessionals. As a result the school was able to offer Quicksmart and Minilit to a larger number of students.
		The College internally developed a program named 'Reteach' to support students learning needs in numeracy. Students involved in the program recorded an average growth of 20%. The College will seek to expend the program as a result of its success.
	<ul> <li>Finalise the development of new teaching programs based on the Stage 6 HSC English, Mathematics, PDHPE syllabi.</li> <li>Finalise the development of new teaching programs based on the Years 7 and 9 PDHPE syllabus.</li> </ul>	The development of programs     completed and comply with new     syllabus requirements across the     primary and secondary years.

	Finalise the development of new	
	teaching programs based on the K-6 Science Syllabus.	
	<ul> <li>Develop STEM/STEAM activities and growth that focusing on coding.</li> <li>Expand the Arabic language programs to include explicit teaching of oral language (conversational Arabic) and grammar.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>New scope and sequence that focuses on coding finalised and implemented. The school will further develop this area to now include greater opportunities for inquiry-based activities to be embedded into K-6 Science and Technology.</li> <li>Oral language program developed for Kindergarten and Year 1 and K-3 in grammar. Work will continue in this area to complete a K-6 approach to the teaching of conversational Arabic and</li> </ul>
Student Achievements and Welfare	<ul> <li>Enable the parental portal module on Sentral to further improve communication between school and parents to access student reports, attendance data and arrange meetings with teachers.</li> <li>Use of Sentral (Student Management System) for attendance, reporting and student welfare.</li> </ul>	Parent portal activated. Parents can access reports, view attendance and receive notifications via Sentral  Parent portal activated. Parents can access reports, view attendance and receive notifications via Sentral
	Focus on proactive programs to address Social Media concerns, bullying and anxiety.	Programs organised included anti- bullying and NSW police workshops for Stage 4 students with focus on cyber safety and on- line bullying.
Staff Training	Continue the College's partnership with Get Reading Right with consultants leading demonstration and observation sessions with K-2 staff.	Get Reading Right consultant     provided K-2 with multiple days of     professional learning that included     lesson observation sessions. Arabic

	<ul> <li>Encourage all K-12 staff to have a valid First Aid certificate by conducting the first aid training course.</li> <li>In-service secondary staff on student Mental Health to support welfare needs of students</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>sessions to apply the same pedagogical practices in their lessons.</li> <li>All staff complete first aid training in August 2018.</li> <li>AIS consultant led professional learning for secondary teachers that focused on Mental Health and</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Up-skill all staff in the 7 Steps to         Writing approach in teaching Creative         and Persuasive Texts.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>School based support</li> <li>All K-6 staff were involved in a whole day PL session in 7 Steps to Writing. This was followed up with 2 days of observations.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Continue to support teachers at         Proficient Teacher level throughout         their maintenance period and help         them identify areas for growth and         development.     </li> <li>In-service all staff on Child Protection         and Duty of Care responsibilities by         school's child protection investigator.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Accreditation coordinator led all staff in PL detailing requirements for maintenance of accreditation and also listing new changes/requirements.</li> <li>All staff in-serviced on Child Protection and signed copies of the child protection policy was kept acknowledging staff were aware and understood the College's policy.</li> </ul>
Facilities and Resources	Installation of an additional 45 CCTV cameras to improve security around the school.	All CCTV cameras installed and operational.
	<ul> <li>Purchase additional decodable books for all Kindergarten and Year 1 students to complement the school's synthetic phonics approach.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dandelions and Initialit readers     were purchased and now used on     Kindergarten and Year 1.</li> </ul>

## Reporting Area 11: Initiatives Promoting Respect and Responsibility

In 2018, the school executive further developed the school wide **Positive Behaviour**Interventions and Support (PBIS) programme with the purpose of building a culture of respect, responsibility and achievement within a safe school environment. Emphasis was placed on the prevention of problem behaviour through the development of social skills and the use of data based problem solving for addressing existing behaviour concerns. The PBIS program focused on 5 key values: **Respect**, **Ownership**, **Achievement**, **Resilience and Safety (ROARS)**.

Interventions and strategies were developed to teach and reinforce key values:

- Weekly direct instruction of specific positive student behaviours that demonstrate Respect,
   Ownership, Achievement, Resilience and Safety in all locations within the school.
- Wide range posters that communicate the school's expectations for classroom and non-classroom settings are prominently displayed.
- Positive teacher reinforcement to students demonstrating commendable behaviour, especially the specific expectations identified and taught in classroom settings.
- Reward tokens issued by all teachers to students demonstrating positive behaviours
- Prevention of problems by modifying situations which are associated with problem behaviour.
- Predictable consequences for misbehaviour that are delivered consistently by all staff in a predictable manner
- PBIS activities are embedded into existing school practices such as professional development, staff
  meetings, parent newsletters, student diaries and welfare practices.

In parallel with the development of the PBIS programme the following initiatives were undertaken to promote respect and responsibility within the school community:

### Grip Leadership:

The SRC team was invited to attend the annual GRIP leadership seminar. They were accompanied by leaders from many different schools within the Sydney region. These SRC students were very excited as this was their first official excursion as leaders of the school. They were exposed to many different ideas on the makings of a good leader and taught different ways in which they could contribute to the school community.

The students were able to meet and collaborate with leaders from other schools whilst thinking "outside the box". The students gained a better understanding of their role as leaders. They brought back knowledge which set the path for a successful year. The SRC came up with some ideas that they have implemented within the school.

This program helped the students build their leadership qualities in conjunction with the PBIS system. Students were able to understand the importance of respect whilst being responsible leaders.

## RSL and Schools Remember ANZAC Commemoration Service

The Year 6 SRC team was invited to attend the ANZAC Day Commemoration Assembly which was held at Hyde Park. This was a great honour for students as they were able to remember the sacrifices made by Australian servicemen and servicewomen who were defending the values, principles and traditions cherished by Australians.

The students sat and listened to the commemorative address, speeches and stories which touched their hearts. They watched the young cadets march and heard the choir sing. They appreciated and respected every moment of this very special day. The assembly ended with the captains of the school being asked to lay a wreath to show their respects.

### Hospital Visit

The SRC team was given the opportunity to visit Liverpool hospital where they met children who were spending days, weeks and months being treated. Our students had the opportunity to give gifts to those children providing them with some enjoyment throughout their hard times.

Our students showed the utmost respect to the doctors, nurses, parents and patients throughout their visit. They were aware of their surroundings and were responsible with the words they had chosen to say. This community service not only had an impact on the children with the hospital, but more so to the SRC team.

### Charity Drives

The school organised various events with the highlight being the charity drive during Ramadan and the Eid festival day in which donations were collected for various charities.

The students also raised money for the drought stricken farmers by doing gold coin donation. Activities were done based on how farmers are important for us and the suffering that they are going through.

Our charity events are great reminders to students about showing compassion and empathy with other people and how to appreciate all the blessings we have.

### NAIDOC week

Students displayed their respect for the aboriginal communities through celebrating NAIDOC week. In 2018 Aboriginal games were organised at the school by the teachers, all students took part and enjoyed the games thoroughly. Some of the games played were: Kai (Hot potato style with alphabets and timetables), Kolap (Target practice – throw the beanbag/ball in the hoop), Munhanganing (Stuck in the mud style), Koolchee, Kalq and Buroinjin.

### Harmony Day

As a part of the annual tradition, students wore multicultural dresses or orange clothes (signifying harmony) on the day to show respect and tolerance for all cultures. They enjoyed slices of oranges and carrot sticks to commemorate the day. The students also displayed their commitment to Harmony through a special assembly which was well-attended by the parents. The parents participated in a display of their traditional dresses and spoke a few words about what harmony means to them.

## Reporting Area 12: Parent, Student and Teacher Satisfaction

### Teacher, Student and Parent Satisfaction

The opinions and ideas of parents, students and teachers are valued and sought. Their suggestions are incorporated into planning for and achieving improved outcomes for students. This year, the College used a variety of processes to gain information about the level of satisfaction with the College from parents, students and teachers. Surveys were collected across all three Al-Faisal College schools and analysed (see results below).

The College organised a number of student forums in order for students to provide feedback to the College on the level of student satisfaction and requests for additional facilities or provision of additional cocurricular activities. It is the school's position that engagement is an important outcome of schooling. Active student participation within the school and engagement in its grade, whole school and extra-curricular activities allows students to more easily identify themselves with the school, foster a sense of belonging that can help to promote a feeling of self-worth and assist students to become resilient learners.

As has been the case over the past few years, staff surveys have revealed a high degree of satisfaction by members of staff and the College enjoys a relatively low level of staff turnover retrospective of the large number of staff employed at the school.

Informal feedback from staff members and executive staff indicate also that staff are generally satisfied in all areas of the College.

Staff, Parent and Student surveys were conducted in 2018 and revealed high levels of satisfaction.

#### Parent Surveys\*

Almost all parents felt welcomed by general staff, with most finding information effectively shared. The majority of respondents felt their children were engaged and given every opportunity to succeed and would recommend Al-Faisal College to their family and friends.

The top responses from the parent survey revealed:

- I feel welcome when they visit the school.
- I am well informed about their child's progress in school subjects.
- My child enjoys going to Al-Faisal College
- I believe that their child is encouraged to do his or her best work.
- Access to the parent portal (on Sentral) is essential component
- I have seen my child applying PBIS values taught at school at home.
- I would recommend Al-Faisal College to others

#### Student Surveys\*

In 2018, a student survey was used to gauge satisfaction. Students expressed continued high levels of satisfaction with the school's impact upon their faith and level of engagement with the school. Significant numbers strongly agreed that they felt safe in this school, received positive feedback about their learning and had teachers who inspired them to learn and achieve their best.

The top responses from the Year 3-10 student survey revealed:

- I feel that classroom instruction is well—organised, with a clear purpose and with immediate feedback that helps me learn.
- I feel that teachers are responsive to my needs and encourage independence with a democratic approach.
- I believe that staff emphasise academic skills and hold high expectations for me to succeed.
- I have applied PBIS lessons in daily practice.

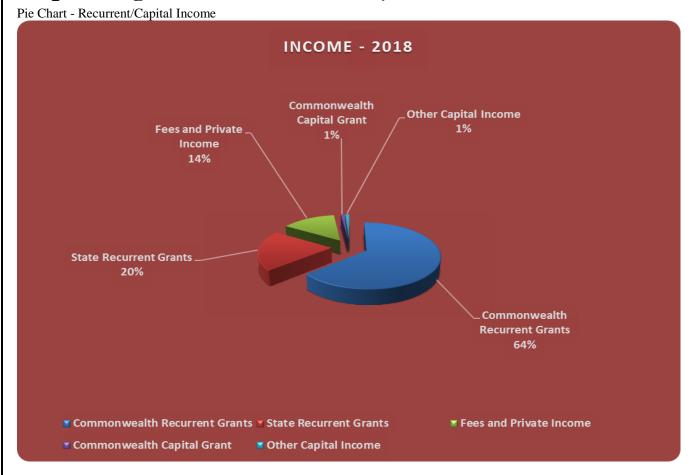
#### Staff Survey\*

The teacher survey results showed that teachers were engaged in their teaching, employed collaborative practices and that they believed that the students were well-behaved and receptive to learning. They appreciated the focus on whole-school improvement and the opportunity to participate in professional development.

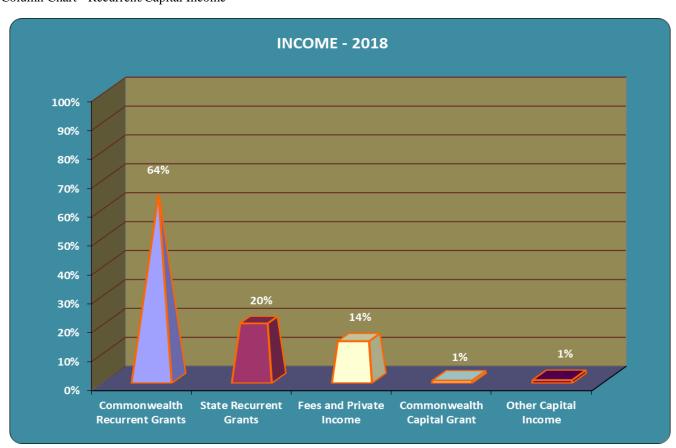
- teachers agreed that school leaders had helped establish challenging and visible learning goals for students.
- teachers indicated that they had establish clear expectations for classroom behaviour that was strongly linked to the PBIS model.
- teachers indicated that they set high expectations for student learning.
- teachers indicated that they used assessments to understand where students were having difficulty.

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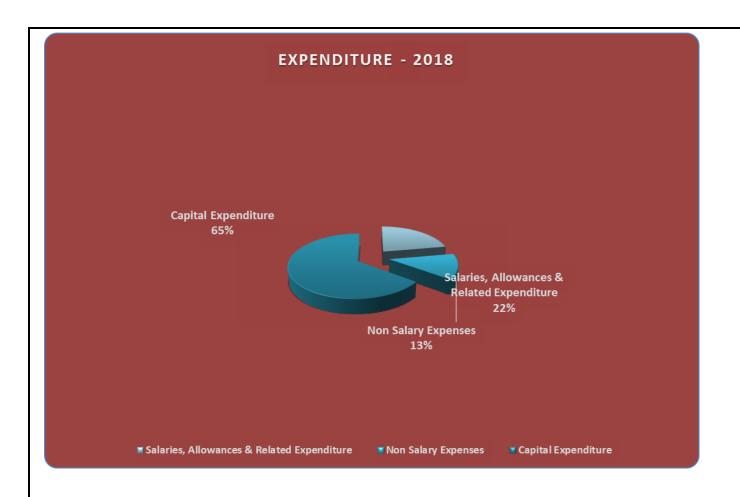
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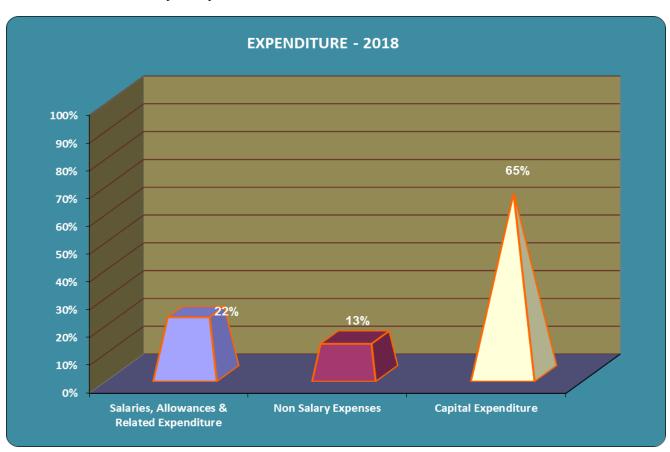
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Pie Chart - Recurrent/Capital Expenditure



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### Reporting Area 14: Publication Requirements

Refer to page 4 of Al-Faisal College's Educational and Financial Reporting Policy. The policy includes information covered by these requirements and is outlined in the 'Annual Report Procedures and Publication Requirements' section of the policy. This includes documented procedures and publication requirements pertaining to:

- publicly disclosing information. The College's annual report is published and its availability advertised online on the school's website.
- providing the school's annual report in an online or appropriate electronic form to NESA unless otherwise agreed by NESA.
- the school producing a report by no later than 30 June in the year following the reporting year that relates to each school year.