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Assalamu alaikum Parents/Guardians

EID AL-ADHA: 30-31 JULY

If you hear of an outbreak of plague in a land, do not enter it; if the plague breaks out in a place while you are in it, do not leave that place. Hadith

It is that time of year again where all Muslims around the world celebrate Eid Al-Adha. We have always had the gift of celebrating with our families, but we are currently living in unprecedented times. This year we all must take the necessary measures to protect ourselves and our loved ones.

This year Eid Al-Adha therefore will be vastly different to those celebrated in the past. We will not be able to celebrate with our extended families or have visitors in our own homes. Eid should be celebrated with those currently living in your household.

Please follow the directions from Premier Daniel Andrews, the Chief Health Officer and the Department of Health and Human Services, which have been put in place to help keep us safe.

The Government has directed that we should only leave our homes for the following reasons:

- Shopping for food and supplies
- Care and caregiving
- Exercise
- Work and/or study.

How to stay safe and well.

- Practise good hygiene and stay home if you are feeling unwell
- Maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres from others
- Understand the risk and symptoms and if you have any symptoms, get tested
- Self-isolate if you are currently waiting on test results
- Wear a mask when you leave your home.

This is a time of deep sadness to our faith-filled Muslims as we approach the most sacred time of Eid. Not being able to spend time with our extended families and friends is unthinkable. But Allah (swt) is always with us, especially in the most difficult of times. It is now time for us to protect our families and pray for those who are suffering from and affected by the virus.

Although we cannot pray at the Mosque and gather in person to celebrate Eid this year, please remember we can use the wonders of technology – the phone, email, WhatsApp, Skype and Zoom – to be with family and friends we cannot physically embrace, just like our students do when remote learning at Al-Taqwa College.

The College Board, management and staff wish all our families and the wider community - Eid Mubarak. Stay safe, stay strong, stay healthy and pray that we all get through this.

Eid Al-Adha is the Festival of Sacrifice. We can be assured that Allah (swt) understands the special sacrifices we all must make in this extraordinary year.

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