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Wednesday 9th September 2026

From the Principal's Desk

What a wonderful, busy, chaotic and fun term we have had! Ask any teacher, and Term 3 is somewhat dreaded! However, I would challenge you to find a happier, more excitable and exhausted (for all the right reasons) group of students than those we have here at Sinai College at the moment!

Thank you parents for all your support for our many events, it is truly what brings us together as a community and I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing much more of you all this term!

Important Dates

- End of Term 3 incursion and last day of Term 3– Friday 18th September 2026
- Kings Birthday public holiday– Monday 5th October 2026
- Term 4 commences– Tuesday 6th October 2026
- Term 4 conculdes– Thursday 3rd December 2026

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Important Announcements

We have a number of lovely and exciting announcements to make

After School Care

I am thrilled to announce that after much planning and collaboration, the Burbank Bush Kindy will soon be opening their own After School Care program. While we are hoping for a Term 4 start, we cannot confirm dates until Service Approval but we are keeping everything crossed!

Debbie, as Director of the Burbank Bush Kindy has put considerable thought into this program and it comes with my full endorsement and recommendation. It will allow students enrolled to have a seamless level of care and has dedicated times and space for homework and assignments, as well as nature based outdoor activates, separate from the childcare children but run with the same warmth, care and kindness we see from BBK.

Please see the attached flyer for details, I encourage all families to register (without a booking). Once registered, families can easily book regular care days or casual bookings with one tap!

Vacation Care

Burbank Bush Kindy will also be offering Vacation Care. Similar to the After School Care program, this will be a subsidised program offering a full raft of programed activities on site, and off site.

This program can be booked in a similar way as after school care and I encourage all families to register, even if they may not use the service initially as I anticipate this will be very popular and places may fill fast.

Again, registration details and charges will be forwarded very shortly.

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Mrs. Watt's return

I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Watt will be returning from maternity leave at the commencement of Term 4, in a part-time capacity. Mrs Sarkaria has accepted an extension to her position here at the College, meaning Mrs Watt and Mrs Sarkaria will be team teaching in the Year 3 and 4 space.

We have carefully planned this team teaching arrangement, ensuring both Mrs Watt and Mrs S retain responsibility over set subjects, but that the teaching of these is spaced out across the week in the best interests of the children.

Breakfast Club

I am so pleased to announce that our much loved, but somewhat casual breakfast club is being expanded and funded to be a fully fledged community breakfast program. Starting in Term 4, all students, parents and siblings will be able to enjoy a variety of cereals with milk along with fresh fruit, as well as toast and warm hot chocolate and baked beans in the cooler months. More details to come but I would like to thank QJBD for their kind support of this program.

We would like your input into what we name the new Breakfast club. Click the link or scan the code to enter your suggested name

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End of Term 3 Incursion

Pipped by students as the highlight of the College year, the End of Term 3 incursion aims to not only provide students with a great way to celebrate a busy term's conclusion, but also to celebrate the birthday of our much-loved College Reading Dog, Romi. This year, as the College has grown, we will be transforming our playground and oval space into a party zone with obstacle and agility courses, party games, water play, a dance floor and much more!

As an extra special bonus, children are encouraged to wear their favorite party gear on this day, provided it is sun safe (no exposed shoulders) and they have enclosed shoes.

Homework and Assignments

Sinai College has always enforced the importance of homework as a way for students to practice their new skills away from the guidance of a teacher, and to help consolidate new learning. Homework informs the teacher if what has been taught can be reproduced and is transferable to a new environment.

However, homework should not be unduly stressful or time consuming. If your child is feeling overly anxious, is avoidant or is taking a long time to complete homework, that is a sign that they lack the skills or confidence to complete the practice. I ask that you close their folders and send the teacher an email. No child will ever be penalised for not being able to DO their homework, provided they tried.

Again, a stressed out, anxious brain is not a learning brain, so do not let homework become a source of stress or frustration. Please contact your child's teacher if you aave specific concerns, or if we can better supprot you in supproting your child.

Term 4 Bus

It is essential that bus parents who are NEW or who's needs have CHANGED complete the Term 4 bus registration form. Please note that once published, bus routes cannot be changed.

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Book Week

Sinai College was transformed into the Emerald City with the Wicked Witch and the Scarecrow greeting children, along with Dorothy (our own Miss Nat and Toto (Romi).
We had a spectacular week, celebrating our love of literature with guest story tellers, dress ups and so much more

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Cultural Day

Sinai College is so proud of our rich cultural heritage and we saw this embraced and celebrated at our annual Cultural Day celebrations. Children researched and presented on their own, unique cultural heritage and identity, sharing tradtional dress, artifacts and recipes

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SuperMen's Day

On Friday 4th September we celebrated all the wonderful, special men that play such a pivotal role in the lives of our children.

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Rosh Hashana

On Tuesday 8th September the College held it's Rosh Hashana celebration, with a bee-keeping incursion, craft and a community lunch.

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2027 Enrolments

I wanted to encourage all families who may have a younger sibling, family member or friend considering enrolling at Sinai to do so quickly as our classes, particularly Prep is filling fast.

Unlike many schools, we will not overload our classes, so once we have reached capacity, we will be creating a waitlist.

Families who enrol before the End of Term 3 are also eligible for a free uniform starter pack so please contact the College to start the enrolment process.

Late Arrivals and Absences

Please remember to notify the College in advance of any student absences. This includes when students are sick, or for planned absences such as appointments and family trips.

I would also like to encourage families to ensure children arrive at school on time. While we understand the occasional late arrival, consistent late arrivals can be impactful not only on learning, but on classroom routines and procedures which impact all other students. If you arrive late, please ensure you use the QR code to sign your child in.

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Child Safety

Sinai College is a child safe school. We have multiple policies and procedures to ensure we are proactive in not only preventing, minimising or eliminating the risk of harm to children, but responding supportively if we believe harm has occurred, or is likely to occur. All of our staff receive training in the area of Child Safety and we have two designated Child Safety Officers, being myself, as Principal, and Mr. Tamar, our Hebrew instructor. These policies are available on our website and I would welcome you to contact me if you have any concerns, or if you feel the College is not adhering with this Child Protection framework.

Feedback and Complaints

A reminder to our families that we value your feedback and encourage you to make contact with your child's teacher should you have any concerns. You are also welcome to contact the Principal if a matter cannot be resolved with the teacher. The Colleges complaints policy and procedure can be found on the website and in Admin if a formal complaint is required