



25th of August 2020

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board with an important announcement which will strengthen Garden College now and into the future.

After careful consideration, the Garden College Board has decided to consolidate the operations of the College on one campus at Parafield Gardens with a single stream of education from R to Year 12. This change will take effect from the beginning of 2021 Insha'Allah.

As a Board we believe that the decision we have made will ensure the ongoing delivery of high-quality education for our students, by enabling us to focus all the College's energy, resources and skills on one campus.

Whilst this is an important and exciting step forward for Garden College, we appreciate and understand that today's announcement will be unexpected for our community.

I want you to know that we are here to help you fully understand the reasons for this decision, to answer any questions you might have about the consolidation and to keep you fully informed throughout this process. To begin this process, I have attached to this letter some Frequently Asked Questions which will help answer some of your immediate questions. These FAQs are also available on our website and we will be adding to them over time.

Insha'Allah, tomorrow the College Principal will be talking to all our students across both campuses and explaining to them the future direction for our College.

As Board Chair, I believe this decision means our students will benefit from an even better College in the future with the help and blessings of Allah (SWT). I am excited about the opportunities this change presents, and know that together, we will all manage this period of transition very well.

There are number of tasks that the College is working through in preparation for the move to Parafield Gardens and our consolidation down to a single stream of education.

This work includes consulting closely with our families as well as our staff over the coming days and weeks to talk about our decision and managing any impacts of it on our College community.

Again, I understand that there is a lot to absorb in today's announcement and should you have immediate questions you can send these through directly to the College on enquiries@gardencollege.sa.edu.au

Whilst our College and how it operates will change in 2021, the one thing that won't change with the will of Allah (SWT) is the high-quality education experience you and your child know, and have come to expect, from Garden College.

Yours sincerely,

Murat Karadag
Board Chair

Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Response
<i>What has been announced?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board has announced that Garden College will consolidate onto a single campus at Parafield Gardens commencing 2021. - We will continue to offer all years across primary and secondary in one convenient location at Parafield Gardens. - The Davoren Park campus will close after the end of the 2020 school year.
<i>Is the College closing?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No. We are developing a single campus for high-quality education across a single stream from R to Year 12, based at Parafield Gardens. - This decision will strengthen Garden College now and for the future.
<i>Why has this decision been made?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board believes this will enable us to focus our energy and resources on a single site and will strengthen the College now and for the future.
<i>When will the decision take effect?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The existing Davoren Park campus will be closed after the school year concludes in December 2020. - We are working to have the College consolidated at Parafield Gardens, and ready for the commencement of the 2021 school year. We will minimise any disruption in the final two terms of 2020.
<i>How will you keep us informed?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We will be working closely with our families over the coming days and weeks to answer your questions and manage any issue - We will also be communicating with you regularly to keep you updated about the move including newsletters and messages from the Principal. - We have also published these FAQs on our website, and these will be added to when necessary.
<i>Why is this decision being implemented so quickly?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We believe it is in everyone's best interest to complete the consolidation as quickly as possible which is why we want to complete it ready for the 2021 school year. - Our aim across the coming months is to ensure that we are well prepared for the move and that all our families, students and staff are supported over this period.
<i>Will students be moved from Davoren Park before the end of 2020?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No. Schooling will remain as normal at both Davoren Park and Parafield Gardens until the conclusion of Term 4 in December 2020.
<i>Does the Parafield campus have enough space for students from the College?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are very confident that our Parafield Gardens campus can deliver the high standard of education across R to Year 12 in single stream classes however we anticipate a small reduction in student positions
<i>Does Parafield Gardens campus have enough facilities?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parafield Gardens is a high-quality facility and will accommodate our single stream R to Year 12 education from the beginning of 2021. - We plan to enhance existing facilities at Parafield Gardens, and this includes considering other facilities that may be required.
<i>Will student numbers and staff numbers reduce?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following the Board's decision, we are consulting with our families and our staff to talk about the Board's decision and manage any impacts together.

