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Academic Excellence at Australian Islamic Schools

The President of the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils, Mr Ikebal Patel congratulated the HSC students of Malek Fahd Islamic School in Greenacre on their excellent HSC results. Out of the 71 students sitting for their HSC this year, the pass rate of 100% was achieved, with 4 students claiming the prestigious Premier's Award.

Mr Patel stated that Malek Fahd Islamic School commenced in 1990 with a total of 150 children in Kindergarten to Year 4 with five teachers. Today Malek Fahd Islamic School has about 1800 children and 120 teachers.

In 1998 the school had its first Year 12 class and all the 24 students qualified for university entry. Since then, the school has been the number one school in the Bankstown Education district. 100 per cent of the Year 12 students have qualified for university entry since its commencement with a number of the students now having qualified as lawyers, doctors, engineers, teachers, nurses etc.

The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils operated Islamic College of Brisbane has also followed in the tradition of Malek Fahd Islamic School by being one of the top six schools in Queensland for the second year running.

Mr Patel also confirmed that the Federation's owned Islamic College of South Australia which had its first cohort of year 12 also had fantastic results with all year 12 students passing and being eligible for university entrance. "We are very proud of the results of our students in Adelaide. It is a great first Year 12 result", he said.

Mr Patel attributes the successes at Malek Fahd Islamic School, Islamic College of Brisbane and Islamic College of South Australia to the hard work and due diligence of students, parents, teachers and support staff respectively with the very good support from the respective State Education Departments and the Federal Department of Education Science and Training.

"I congratulate each and every one of the students and teachers, and wish all a well deserved holiday and wish all students every success in their chosen discipline at University", he said.

Mr Patel concluded, "Islam places a very high priority on education. It is incumbent on all Muslims to seek knowledge - Higher education provides considerable value to individuals, the economies where educated individuals live and work and society in general".

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