



Circular No.AUS/2019-2020

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Dear Parents and Students,

Hope you are safe and healthy.

### Start of the New Academic Year

After the latest communication from the Ministry of Education and KHDA it is confirmed that schools will open for **students on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020**. The safety of our students and staff is our priority and AUS is working very hard on preparing the school to ensure the highest level of safety measures when schools re-open again for Term 1.

As per the KHDA's directive, we are currently in the process of submitting our plans for the start of the new academic year. These plans have to be approved by them before we are allowed to share the details with parents and students. These plans include the appropriate health and safety protocols and the model for teaching and learning that will be followed to ensure the most effective and enjoyable learning experience. Most likely there will be a blended learning approach where some form of Distance Learning will continue in combination with on-campus visits. This approach will make it very important for every student to have his/her own laptop or tablet without the need to share with someone else.

It will be essential to adhere to all the safety requirements when our students are on campus and travelling on the bus. The planning also needs to take into consideration new challenges including social distancing, limitations of class sizes, limitations of bus occupancy, limitations of extra-curricular activities and school trips, mealtime/food arrangements and other issues. We are all keen to get clarity regarding the confirmed arrangements at the earliest and we will provide that as soon as we receive the go-ahead from KHDA. Please be patient with us while we wait for this approval.

### Securing seats for next academic year

There seems to be a growing number of applications from students from other schools at the moment. As per earlier communication, seats for next academic year can only be guaranteed after re-registration fees have been paid or alternative arrangements have been agreed with the accounts department.

Please ensure that this is done at the earliest to avoid disappointment when returning to school in August. Our current students will be placed on a waiting list till re-registration payment has been received or arrangements have been agreed with the accounts department. If your situation has changed and you become aware that your children will not be able to continue in AUS in the new year, please notify us.

**Please be assured that all our decisions will be guided by the safety and well-being of our students and staff.**

**Stay safe during this last stretch of our academic year!**

**Leonard Murphy**  
Principal

