

## **Facilities Policy**

***The issues addressed are in relation to:***

*Facilities – 3.5*

***(See also Policies on WHS, Excursions/Incursions and Risk Management)***

### **1. Context**

Al-Faisal College is equipped with exceptional facilities to enhance student learning. The grants that the school has received such as the BER, Low SES National Partnerships and funding from the State and Federal Government have significantly improved the equipment and resources available to students in order to meet their learning needs.

A key purpose of this document is to address how the mandatory requirements of each course the school offers to deliver the Record of School Achievement (RoSA) and Higher School Certificate (HSC) are met.

### **2. Onsite Facilities**

Some of the onsite facilities include:

- Library
- Multi-purpose hall
- Playground areas (including multiple roof-top playgrounds)
- Specialised rooms such as: computer laboratories, science laboratories, arts room, music room, food technology room, textiles room, trade training centre etc

#### **2.1 General Classrooms**

All general classrooms at Al-Faisal College have many features that facilitate learning. Each classroom is fitted with a white board, computer(s), Smartboard, data projector and internet access. The flexibility of setting up learning areas that enable individual, small group or whole class activities owing to movable chairs and tables (seating arrangement) promotes diversity in students' learning styles.

#### **2.2 The Library**

The Library offers comprehensive computer and research facilities. Students have access to an extensive number of books that can be used for subject specific projects or enjoyment. Students are encouraged to visit the library to borrow Premier Reading Challenge books as well as search for information in the research/computer area. The library also offers opportunities for lessons to be conducted and senior students to study (Years 11-12) in designated study rooms.

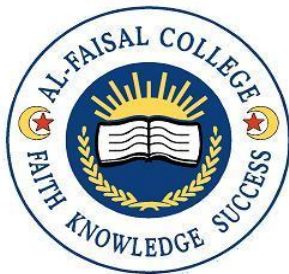
#### **2.3 Multipurpose Hall - Indoor Space**

The Multipurpose hall is used for a variety of events, which creates great opportunities for the community to attend community functions and workshops. Parents and students can also access the hall for assemblies, school meetings, presentation days, social events, formal examinations, drama and indoor sports.

#### **2.4 Playgrounds – Outdoor Space**

The playgrounds at Al-Faisal College play a vital role in providing students with space to participate in sporting programs that promote physical strength, coordination and balance. The playgrounds are also used in multiple ways such as:

- Undercover area – setting up activities / meeting areas / alternate activities owing to wet weather



- Mathematics – using the outdoor area to generate tallies / graphs / measuring length
- Science / HSIE - Conducting experiments / focusing on the role of the environment
- Socially – students are able to interact with others during recess/lunch

### 3. Specialist Classrooms

#### 3.1 Computer Laboratories

All computer labs are equipped with Smartboards and provide students with access to the internet. Additionally specialist application programs enable students to enhance their ICT skills and gain knowledge relevant to the KLA offered/studied. The computer laboratories also provide an optimum learning environment as students can acquire information for; research, assessments, presentations, online activities etc.

#### 3.2 Science Laboratories

All Science laboratories are fully equipped and fitted with smartboards, data projects with internet access, fume cupboards, work benches (for practical experiments), chemical storage, storage shelves/cupboards for all glassware and equipment.

#### 3.3 Visual Arts Rooms

The Visual Art Rooms are fitted with smart/team boards, data projects with internet access, wet areas, large cupboards and shelves for storage of art materials/supplies/tools and drying areas for art works.

#### 3.4 Technology Rooms

Technology rooms including access to the computer laboratories enable students to undertake IST/IPT subjects.

Safety is a key feature for use of any technology / textile room. The Textile room is equipped with tools and equipment such as sewing machines, drawing etc.

The Food Technology Room and trade training centre contains a whiteboard, kitchen facilities equipped with benches, sinks, refrigerators, ovens, microwave, utensils and kitchen appliances.

### 4. Onsite Facilities List by Resources include:

- General classrooms fitted with Smartboards with internet access
- Computer laboratories with Internet access
- Access to school library

| KLA /Subject | Resources  |
|--------------|--|
| English      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Workbooks</li> <li>– Texts – eg novels</li> <li>– Print Media</li> <li>– Multi modal media</li> <li>– Posters/displays</li> <li>– Hall access for drama – stage area</li> <li>– Computer laboratory access</li> <li>– Online access to: specialized programs eg phonics programs</li> </ul> |



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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Dictionaries/ thesaurus</li> </ul>  |
| Mathematics   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Calculators</li> <li>– Geometry Set</li> <li>– Textbooks</li> <li>– Maths Software</li> <li>– Online access to: specialized programs with individual maths accounts</li> </ul>  |
| Science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Senior Science)                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Fully equipped science laboratories for experiments</li> <li>– Posters/displays</li> <li>– Data loggers</li> <li>– Online access</li> </ul>   |
| HSIE (History, Geography, Ancient History, Legal Studies, Business Studies, Commerce) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Articles / reports / case studies/ biographies</li> <li>– Information / research books Posters/displays</li> <li>– Atlases / maps</li> <li>– Online access</li> </ul>   |
| Arabic  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Workbooks</li> <li>– Print Media</li> <li>– Flash cards</li> <li>– Posters/displays/charts</li> <li>– CDs</li> <li>– Dictionaries</li> </ul>  |
| PDHPE (including CAFS)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Sport equipment</li> <li>– Posters</li> <li>– Playground areas (Basketball)</li> <li>– Multi-purpose hall – gymnastics etc</li> <li>– Local parks sports fields</li> <li>– Off-site specialised sport facilities, eg swimming pools</li> <li>– Computer laboratories</li> </ul> |
| Technology (Textile, Food Technology, IST, IPT)                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Food Technology rooms – utensils, appliances - kitchen</li> <li>– Textile room – sewing machines, drawing/tools etc</li> <li>– Computer laboratories</li> </ul>   |
| Visual Arts   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Visual Arts tools, equipment and resources / practical</li> <li>– Computer laboratories</li> </ul>  |
| Music Room  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Keyboards / equipment</li> <li>– Online access</li> <li>– Computer laboratories</li> </ul>  |



## 5. Off-site facilities

All sporting programs requiring students to travel off-site to access external facilities must have a risk assessment checklist completed and excursion proposal submitted to the Deputy Principal for approval (Refer to Excursion/Incursion Policy & Risk Management Policy).

Students at Al-Faisal College use the following off-site facilities for the delivery of the PDHPE program.

| KLA /Subject | Off-site Facilities   |
|--------------|---|
| PDHPE        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Local Parks – Phillips Park, Coleman Park, Wyatt Park</li> <li>– Bicentennial Park</li> <li>– Sydney Olympic Park Sports Halls</li> <li>– State Sports Centre</li> <li>– Ultimate Indoor Sports Silverwater</li> <li>– Auburn Swimming Centre</li> <li>– Flinders Slope</li> <li>– Auburn Basketball Centre</li> <li>– Bankstown Basketball Centre</li> <li>– Warm Up Arena</li> <li>– Wran Leisure Centre</li> <li>– Sydney Indoor Rock Climbing Centre</li> <li>– Her Fitness Gym</li> <li>– YMCA Revesby</li> </ul> |

## 6. Emergency Procedures and Relevant Facilities

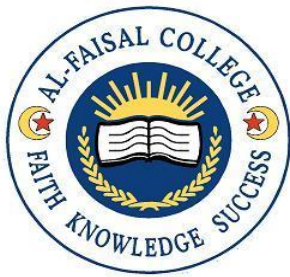
Evacuations and lockdowns are carried out ensuring that students and staff are aware of procedures and safety at Al-Faisal College. Disability provisions are in place with a wheelchair ramp and elevators providing safe access to all floors. **All general classrooms are lockable** and provide safety from intruders in the case of a lockdown.

## 7. The current standard and state of repair of facilities

All WHS issues that may arise from day to day are recording in the Al-Faisal College Maintenance book unless it is an issue of an urgent nature, which is reported to the Principal or Principal's delegate immediately.

The WHS committee, which comprises of general class and specialist teachers hold meetings to ensure that all appropriate actions carried out in order to maintain the safety of equipment used at the School. The Risk Assessment checklist is used for a means of identifying possible safety risks in the specialist rooms (**Refer to WHS Policy & Risk Management Policy**).

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