

**BY EMAIL**

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**New Madinah College**

Dear Mr Barghachoun

I refer to my telephone attendance with you on 17 February 2026 concerning the issue of whether Sheikh Abdulghani Albaf, Principal of New Madinah College (**College**), constitutes a fit and proper person for the purposes of section 47(1)(b) of the *Education Act 1990* (NSW) (**Act**).

I confirm that the matter was considered by NESA's Registration and Accreditation Committee (**Committee**) at its meeting on 17 February 2026.

I further confirm receipt of correspondence from the College's legal representatives dated 12 February 2026 and related documents, including an investigation report dated 11 February 2026. These materials were made available to and considered by the Committee.

The Committee also had regard to an investigation report dated 16 February 2026 prepared by Brooke Prideaux, Senior Inspector (**Report**). A copy of the Report, with links to its annexures, is attached.

The determination made by the Committee was that Sheikh Abdulghani Albaf is not a fit and proper person for the purposes of section 47(1)(b) of the Act. I have separately written to Sheikh Abdulghani Albaf notifying him of the Committee's decision.

The Committee's determination that Sheikh Abdulghani Albaf is not a fit and proper person was based on the following reasons:

- his ongoing pattern of behaviour, exhibited in social media postings identified in the Report;
- a lack of remorse displayed by him;

- the ongoing pattern of behaviour of Sheikh Abdulghani Albaf is inconsistent with the role of a principal in a NSW school in setting an appropriate ethical and moral tone for school community;
- Sheikh Abdulghani Albaf's public commentary was of a concerning and hateful tone; and
- prioritising the safety, protection, and wellbeing of students at the College.

The proprietor of a non-government school is responsible for responding to information that a responsible person may not be fit and proper.

Given the Committee's determination, NESA requests:

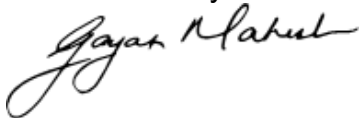
- a written response from the College outlining the action(s) it intends to take to ensure it is compliant with the registration requirement that responsible persons are fit and proper (section B2.1 of the NSW Registered and Accredited Non-government Schools Manual); and
- that the school provide a copy of this letter to its parent community informing them of the determination.

Please provide your response to me by **25 February 2026**.

Please note that should Sheikh Abdulghani Albaf remain as Principal and a responsible person for the College, this may constitute evidence of non-compliance with the registration requirements and the Committee may consider a recommendation to cancel the College's registration.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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**Director, Regulation of Schooling**  
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