

Reb Arel's Guiding Principles

Overriding Principles

- No child should be required ever to go overseas to seek the fulfilment of his educational needs
- The Cheder, and the system of education beyond, should have as its aspiration, the production of genuine scholars
- Any teacher who wishes to promote growth and development in his talmidim, must be prepared for growth and development in his own life
- Any moisd which represents the Rebbe and his teachings cannot be content with past achievements; it must always be looking for opportunities to increase in all good things

Talmidim

- Set very ambitious goals for the talmidim; motivate them with challenging projects; push the boys to their absolute limits
- Must be proud of your identity and relationship with the Rebbe – hats and jackets are essential
- The talmidim should be taught to be fastidious with time, to be orderly and well-organised and concerned with cleanliness (both themselves and their environment).
- The older children should be encouraged to give to the younger children

Educational focus

- Cultivate pnimius not chitzonius
- Koidesh is the raison d'être and overriding priority for the moisd
- Cultivate a respect and love for davening
- The talmidim should be taught:
 - Practical halochas, including in relation to davening, and Shabbos
 - The meaning of the words in davening
- Don't be afraid to make difficult decisions which fulfil the Rebbe's directions, even if they completely contradict traditional assumptions and practices in Melbourne. Don't be deterred by scoffers. And you will find that the appetite comes with the eating
- Encourage the talmidim to write down their innovations in learning and publish for the benefit of the community
- The learning must continue all year round

Staff

- Teachers must have Yiras shomayim
- The Cheder exists for the benefit of the talmidim, and under no circumstances should be seen as an employment agency
- Remember the Six Wagons principle – look within the moisd itself for the resources which are needed to enable growth and development

Relationship with outside parties

- Engagements with outside authorities should be based on full transparency and pride