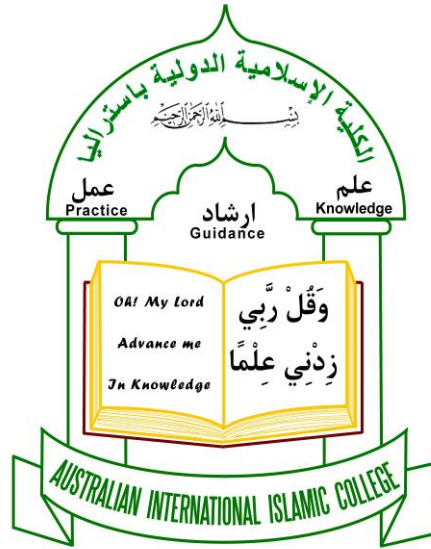


# Australian International Islamic College



## “Education in a Highly Competitive World”

Address delivered

by

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at

A.I.I.C -Year 7 & 10

Graduation Ceremony

Michael's Oriental Restaurant

Brisbane

**Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi  
Wabarakatuhu  
In the name of Allah The Most  
Beneficent  
The Most Merciful**

Praise be to Allah Subhana-taallah and Peace and Blessing of Allah upon our beloved Nabi Mohammed S.A.W...

Respected Board Members, Principal Mr Peter Michalski, Hajji Shahid Khan, Education Adviser, distinguished guest, Teachers, Parents and Students.

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuhu

Alhamdulillah we are at the end of another school year. Tonight is the Graduation of our Year 7 and 10 students.

It is a momentous occasion and I congratulate you for completing this challenging journey that has taken 7 and 10 year of your life.

Today in our technologically advanced world education is crucial to be able to succeed

- If you wish to have a car you must have a good job
- If you wish to own a house you will need a good job
- If you wish to travel the world you will need a good job.

A good job requires a good education so that you can enter University, and obtain tertiary qualification, to get that good job or good career. The path to success today requires well educated individuals.

- You need to do this for yourself in order to succeed.
- You need to find the discipline within you
- You will need to discipline yourself to study and do well.

We have been serving you from the Preparatory years to help nurture you into young adults. Once you find success, you will need to come back and help us to help others. The more successful you are in your everyday life the more you can help your community to find success.

Our beloved Nabi (SAW) says, “If you want to achieve the benefit of the immediate world you should seek it through the medium of education. If you seek the benefit of the Akheera (hereafter) you should seek it through the medium of education.

If you want to achieve the benefit of both worlds, you seek them through the medium of education.

In numerous places of Al Quran these questions are asked.

- Will the learned and uneducated be equal?
- How can light and darkness be equal?
- How can a blind person and a sighted person be equal?

## **QUEENSLAND CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION**

Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) has responded to the challenges of the advancement in technology and higher level of skills and requirements in jobs by replacing the existing Senior Certificate to Queensland Certificate of Education

The Queensland Certificate of Education will replace the Senior Certificate from 2008 our Year 10 graduates will be the second batch of Year 12 graduates receiving QCE in 2009.

## **QUEENSLAND CORE SKILLS (QCS) TEST**

The old Australian Scholastic Aptitude Test (ASAT) has been replaced with the new QUEENSLAND CORE SKILLS (QCS) Test.

The QCS Test is conducted at the end of Term3 for Year 12 students who want to receive an overall Position (OP) Score.

An OP indicates a student’s rank order position based on overall achievement in Queensland studies Authority’s approved subjects. I would recommend all staff and students to familiarise themselves with new assessment and reporting system – including Field positions, state wide Queensland Core Skills Tests, vocational options and the overall position (OP) Score.

Let us move away from the Queensland Educational Reform and educational jargons and simply discuss what is happening around us – we are facing rapid social, economic, technical and cultural changes – In today's workforce – middle management has disappeared – Everyone is required to make decisions – required to solve problems, apply the knowledge and skills we possess and can learn through the internet and other sources.

To remain viable and grow in the business we have to compare and contrast the products and services we offer and make short term and long term goals and make contingency plans, in other words – we are all required to become a thinking person who is able to make decisions.

These skills are obtained through good schooling and tertiary education. We would like all our graduates to aim high and prepare for tertiary education and develop willingness for the lifelong learning.

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all graduands who are graduating tonight.

I would also like to take this opportunity thank the Principal, Mr Peter Michalski, Deputy Principal Mrs Banwa, the teachers, secretaries, support staff, parents, P & C, general public, volunteers for their continuous support and contribution. May Allah bless them all and reward them. We look forward to witnessing many more great achievements, graduating ceremonies and rewarding years to come Insha Allah.

Thank you very much

Jazak Allah Khairun

Wassalamu Alaikum Warahmatullah Wabarkatuhu

Imam Abdul Quddoos Azhari.

Chairman

Australian International Islamic College Board.