



In The Name Of **ALLAH**, Most Gracious, Most Merciful
Australian International Islamic College Newsletter
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Principal's Message

On behalf of all staff members, I would like to welcome you all to the Australian International Islamic College academic year of 2014. It is a privilege to serve you all as principal. MashaAllah we have very enthusiastic students willing to learn, supportive parents/guardians interested in their children's education, and a dedicated professional staff committed to providing the students with a quality education.

A special welcome to all our new families that will be joining us as well as our continuing families.

Our core objectives are to ensure that students have all the skills, knowledge and attributes that would be expected after 13 years of schooling, so that their personal growth enables them to have the capacity to participate as responsible and productive citizens of Australia.

As we begin 2014 I would like to share our success in achieving excellent OP results for our year 12 students. Congratulations to Aziz Ullah for achieving OP 5, Nurul Afser for achieving OP 9 and Salma Sid Ahmed who achieved OP 10. All our students scored between 1 - 15, MashaAllah.

Our dedicated Staff has put in many hours of Professional Learning, planning and preparation for the new Australian curriculum and, in particular, in the areas of Numeracy and Literacy and this should provide you, our parents and students with confidence in our College as a provider of academic excellence.

Australian International Islamic College provides an excellent academic program but, by itself and without the commitment of each individual student, success will be limited. We need every student to *own their responsibility for their learning* and this process begins in the quietness of your home when you discuss these issues and help your children to set realistic goals for the year ahead. I would like to encourage each parent/guardian to be active in your child's education. I certainly realize that many of you lead busy lives, however taking just a few minutes in the evening to read to your child, talk with your child about school, or simply see that your child is organized for the next school day can have great benefits.

Two important documents that you will need to refer to during the course of the year are the **College Calendar** and the **2014 Parent Handbook**. Both of these documents can be found online on the College website. In addition students will also receive a hard copy of the handbook during the course of this week.

I believe that it is critically important for your child's educational experience that they have a sense that a positive, healthy relationship exists between their parents and the College. This provides them with a sense of security which is a foundation for good learning!

I look forward to working with you all and wish you everything of the best in the year ahead.

Mariam Banwa - Principal

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College Coordinator's Message

Dear parents,

Asalaamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu

It is with a great deal of pleasure I write this article as a College coordinator of Australian International Islamic College. I would like to take the opportunity to thank our honourable and respected chairman Imam Abdul Quddoos Azhari and Principal Mrs Mariam Banwa for giving me the opportunity to work closely with them. I look forward to the challenges that 2014 will bring and am looking forward to working with students, staff and families over the course of the year, Insha Allah.

It is our duty to work together for our future generation. As a parent you must communicate to your teacher at least every week to know their academic progress. As a coordinator and a teacher I always welcome you to come our college and share your opinions. I am confident if we work together we will be able to overcome all the challenges, Insha Allah.

My commitment to you continues to be able to work with integrity and work with admin staff, teachers and students to provide a well-rounded education that allows each student to reach his/her fullest potential. I have high expectations for myself, staff, and our students. In return, I ask for a commitment from all parents and guardians of AIIC students. Please help your student(s) reach his/her fullest potential by ensuring they arrive to school on time and attend daily. While we do not want students to attend if they are ill, I do discourage parents/guardians from taking vacations during the school year as this causes a disruption to student's learning. Please speak positively about school and staff members in front of your children. If you have a concern please begin by contacting your child's teacher. We will need to work collaboratively to make this year a positive learning experience for your student.

College Uniforms:

As I mentioned earlier 2014 is very challenging year for us. This year I would like to see that all students are punctual and wear correct uniforms. All students must wear formal uniform during assembly and class time except HPE session.

Student conduct form and Bus agreement:

Student conduct form and bus agreement are going to be handed out by next week. All parents and students need to sign and return it the next day to their form teachers.

Textbooks and stationaries:

All Secondary College Students must go to the library to collect their textbooks. Those who did not collect your textbook yet, please go to the library next Tuesday 4th of February to collect your textbook. Students need to buy their stationery according to the list.

Assembly:

In 2014 assembly will start at 8.30 am every day. We have combined assembly on Monday in our multi-purpose Hall and Tuesday to Friday assembly will held for Prep to 2 in undercover area, Year 3-6 in front of D block and Year 7-12 in front of E block.

Homework

This is given out on Mondays and needs to be returned each Friday. If you would rather your child not receive homework please let the school know. Otherwise it is expected that every child returns completed homework each Friday.

Coming up events:

- Information Day – 6th of February
- Standard Testing – 17th to 21 February
- Clean up Day – 28th February
- Best wishes for a successful school year!

Dr. Mohammad Nurul Islam

Chemistry/Biology/Maths A Teacher

Welcome back to the new academic year!

The 2014 Academic Year brings with a lot of promise and expectation. Australian International Islamic College staff, students, parents and volunteers; all have high expectations of each other. In order to meet those expectations we will need to work together as one solid and unified team to make sure we achieve the outcomes we hope to achieve within the next 12 months of teaching and learning time.

Curriculum at AIIC will be further improved this year through increased communication and collaboration amongst teachers and students across all campuses. Alhamdulillah, AIIC already has a fantastic curriculum in place. Teachers and students work with the Australian Curriculum for all subjects and are always looking for ways to make teaching and learning opportunities more enjoyable and dynamic. The incorporation of a strong ESL and Learning support program enhances the ability of all students to access the mainstream curriculum in a fair and equitable manner.

This year we are introducing a few new subject areas in the secondary school at Durack Campus, including: Information Technology and Health Education. Home Economics will also be up and running for years 7-10 at Durack, Inshaallah.

With everyone working together, communicating with each other and thinking positively, Inshaallah there is no reason why we can't achieve all our academic aims and objectives in 2014.

Ms. Fathima Azhari

AIIC Curriculum Coordinator

Great News

JANUARY 2014

English as a Second
Language (ESL)

From the Coordinator

From *the ESL and Learning Support Coordinator*

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu



Welcome back to another year of learning our strong Islamic values and beliefs in our school so that our children may grow an excellent academic foundation to advance according to their individual capabilities.

This year, I welcome back our Learning Support Officers Mrs Samsodien and Miss Ali to support me in the operation of a more successful year in ESL and Learning Support. Throughout the year I will introduce you to any new members of our ESL and Learning Support team.

The ESL and Learning Support Team have been placed in a more accessible location, in the rooms on the side of the multipurpose hall. So, pop in to say hello and look at our fabulous facilities, just be sure to sign in at the office as a visitor beforehand.

We like to be known as a team that oversees many components which are focused on delivering a curriculum model that supports and enhances the learning of all our students. Our model of support and enrichment is designed to allow students to move in and out of programs in accordance with their needs and interests.

We will assist students to maximise their strengths and develop strategies to overcome weak areas. In doing this we offer support to students as well as their teachers and parents. We will work on literacy and numeracy. Additionally, we assist students with study management, assignment writing and exam preparation. *We will assist our ESL learners to improve their written and spoken English; improve their reading comprehension skills; understand cultural differences which may affect their learning and social interactions; and help them demonstrate their potential.* We hope to showcase student and teacher work throughout the year too. Throughout the year I will introduce and inform parents of activities and events. If you have any ideas on how to improve our program please be sure to share them with us. I look forward to hearing from anyone. Have a wonderful term!

I look forward to working with our students to ensure they excel and achieve their goals and live harmoniously.

Wassalam
Ms Rogers

General Notices

STUDENTS ARRIVING BEFORE 8AM

It has been concerning to see many students being dropped off too early to school. There should be no students getting dropped off between 6:45am-8am because there are no staff onsite to monitor and supervise your children. It is your responsibility as parents to ensure your child is not left alone on school grounds.

STUDENTS LATE TO SCHOOL

All Students must report to the office after 8:45am when arriving to school.

1. All Students are required to have a note from their caregivers or to visit the office with their caregiver to sign in when arriving to school late.

In the event that a student does not arrive to the office with a note from their parent/caregiver the student will be given an automatic detention; continued lateness will result in parents/caregivers being notified and the student will incur additional cleaning duties.

STUDENTS LATE TO CLASS

All Students must report to their respective classes on time. They should wait in orderly lines for teachers to complete their classes and acknowledge they are ready for waiting classes.

In the event that a student does not arrive to class on time, that student must have a note from the office or teacher. In the event that the student does not have a note, they may be given a detention.

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STUDENTS WAITING AFTER 3:30pm

It has been concerning to see that many students are still waiting for parents to pick them up after school. All students are to be picked up by parents/caregivers before 3:30pm. There are no staff to monitor and supervise students after this time. It is your responsibility as parents to ensure your child is not left waiting at school in the afternoon.

Remember there is a bus service that is available for students, please contact the office for more information.

TUCKSHOP

AIRC will be having tuckshop on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday starting from next week. It will be open for lunch ONLY.