A very warm welcome to you all, both new and returning families to our college for this academic year 2015.

The past year has been a very successful one and I am very confident in saying that Insha’Allah, this year will be even better. It will be better in terms of new opportunities, new experiences, participation in activities and sport and most importantly, the opportunity to be great students of this college.

Imam Mohammed and I will be visiting classrooms during the first two weeks to assist students and teachers into the transition to a new school year. In doing so I will explain to students about high expectations and also about what it takes to be a successful student at AIIC.

Student’s success is not a matter of luck, but planning, commitment and organisation on your part. Student responsibility will be our focus point this year. I would like to inform and emphasis to you all that school commences at 8-30. Please ensure that you are on time. There will be serious consequences for late comers. Late students will not be allowed to join the morning assembly. This will be emphasised on a regular basis. I request parents to kindly make an effort to drop off their children on time. There will be no tolerance to students who fail to understand and realize their purpose here at AIIC. All families will receive a parent student handbook. Please ensure that you read through and familiarize yourself with all policies.

I look forward to positive support from all parents as we had last year. InshaAllah I hope for another successful school year as our journey continues. I wish you all the very best and a successful year.

Mariam Banwa

Reminders from Admin:

- **Bookpack** — please pay as soon as possible so that your child can start doing their work

- **School fees** and other charges are due at the start of the term.

- **Student agreements** — please sign and return as soon as possible

We are nut free school. Please ensure that your child do have any nut products in their lunch box.
Message from Prep Class

Asalamualaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barkatuhu.

Welcome to the prep classroom for 2015. We are looking forward to an enjoyable year. It can be a somewhat confusing and nervous time for little ones while settling into new routines. Rest assured it just takes time and patience for things to be less stressful. There is so much to remember. That is why we try to make it easier for your child by supplying you with a communications booklet. Messages can be sent through this booklet. Please ensure that your child’s homework folder is checked daily for notes and reminders.

Homework- Each day the students have homework tasks they need to complete. Please assist your child in developing a routine to doing their homework. The book activities should not take more than 10-15 minutes per week.

Fruit breaks- Little children become hungry during the first session of each day, so we like to provide them with a fruit break. Please provide your child with fresh fruit each day. Please cut up the fruit at home ready to be eaten in a named container or bag.

As we are in our summer months, it is very important to send your child with a full bottle of water. We encourage the students to drink plenty of water throughout the day. They must keep up their fluids to help reduce headaches and to assist the young brains to function more effectively.

All items of clothing must be named so we can return any lost and found items to the rightful owner.

Australian International Islamic College (AIIC) is a unique school and you have made a wonderful decision to let your child attend this school. We look forward to our partnership in the education of your child. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Jazzak Allah khairan,
Mrs Azara Khan

Inside ESL Classroom

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends

AssalaamuAlaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu

I hope you all had a restful and refreshing summer break and that 2015 has started well for you. It is wonderful to be back for the start of 2015 and to see so many smiling faces – new and returning, students and parents – at school. As well as being excited about the New Year, I have a new room with a lovely bright wall which

All the teachers have had a very busy start to the year and I have continued with lots of the students I had last year. All the teachers are getting to know their new classes and we are working hard to put together an ESL (English for Speakers of other Languages) and Learning Support program to give as much help and support to as many students as possible.

I am looking forward to an awesome year of students working hard, trying their best and becoming the best student they can be, InshaAllah.

Kind regards

Robyn Graham
Assalamu alaikum Wr Wb

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2015 school year at AIIC. It is now the end of week two and we are almost finished our beginning of year testing to ascertain student ability levels and to see which areas need particular attention, especially in maths and literacy.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Open Day this Friday to meet me and to see where your child is learning this year. To those who couldn't make it I will send home our class timetable on Monday. The main things to remember though are that PE is on Thursday (sports uniform) and that our Library day is Friday for borrowing and returning books. Please feel free to make an appointment with me, or email me if you have any further questions or concerns during the year.

We have a big class this year in 2/3 so it is of utmost importance that every child is aware of the requirement to work quietly in class to the best of their ability. Over these past two weeks I have made my expectations very clear and outlined to students our class positive behaviour rewards and also the negative consequences of poor behaviour.

There are still a few families that have not paid the book levy and this will make it incredibly difficult for your child to complete many tasks within the class, especially in Math and Literacy. Prompt payment would be appreciated so that each child can start their work and not have to catch up at a later stage! A very big thank you to all those who have already paid.

The office has now been restocked with school hats so anyone who doesn't yet have one can purchase one from Sister Fatima. Our school policy is “no hat, no play” so please ensure your hat is clearly named so that any lost property can be quickly returned to its owner.

I look forward to a productive and educational year with you and your children in 2015.

Michael Hall

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Assalamu alaikum Wr Wb

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome back to all senior students and families who have returned to the secondary school for 2015. This year is going to be a busy year in High School.

We now have classes from Year 7 to Year 10. The students have come back with a very enthusiastic attitude and are working well in all areas of their studies.

In Science this term we are covering a number of different topics from Biology. Year 7s are learning how to be good scientists, Year 8s are learning about living things. Year 9 is learning about the system of the Human Body and Year 10 is studying genetics.

In Mathematics, all the class are working hard and learning about Numbers, Indices and Algebra (please note so that they can all keep up and not fall behind it is important that any book levies are paid for as soon as possible)

This year the students have a school diary. They are to record homework, assignments and other important dates in them. Please look through your child's diary as it has some interesting information in it.

Finally, I believe that 2015 will be a year full of wonderful learning experiences and achievements. But, it will also be filled with exciting opportunities for the students to become mature young adults and positive role models of the College.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Yasmin Misic
Years 7/8 Teacher

Year 8s are learning about living things. Year 9 is learning about the system of the Human Body and Year 10 is studying genetics.

Vaccination consent form for Years 8 & 10 students have been sent through your child. Please sign and return the form by Friday, 13th Feb.

General information of this Immunisation program:

Year 8 students are eligible to receive vaccines against HPV (Human Papilloma Virus), DTPa booster (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) and varicella (chickenpox).

Year 10 students can receive the DTPa
MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF CAMPUS

Dear Parents,

By now your child is probably well into the routines of the new school year, is making new friends, is excited about the things the teachers are planning for the year, and is feeling pretty comfortable with this grade. That is what we expect for all of our 100 students enrolled, and we will celebrate this stage in the school year with a Meet and greet afternoon tea on the 6th of February.

The year is off to a fantastic start! We are pleased to see so many returning faces and would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new students and families. We are glad you are all here. We have grown in many ways, more students, more educational and technology resources, more optimism, more Islamic Studies resources, more of just about everything! There is a positive sense among the staff, students, and parents that 2015 is going to be the best year yet at AIIC Gold Coast—and I think they are right.

Here are a few of the many “upgrades” you will notice this year at AIIC GC:

- The school entrance has been effectively fenced, ensuring safety and security for our children and our school community.
- The car park has been freshly marked, designating pick up drop off zones, pedestrian crossings and carpark areas.
- The Multipurpose Hall will be a perfect venue for our full school Assemblies, Prayers/Jumaa, newly formed Mammas playgroup, Variety Shows, and so many more events.
- We have successfully commenced our school tuck shop with Sister Zubaidah coordinating and introducing a new menu, striving towards offering healthy alternatives.
- The Arabic and Islamic Studies programs have been reviewed and additional Excellence Programs and being planned.
- We have also relocated and expanded the Library allowing better access and a cozy atmosphere.
- Our high school Science facilities are being upgraded, and we are expanding our Physical Education program, resources, and facilities.

I am Mohammed Azhari (Head of Campus), and I am very proud of the amazing faculty of teachers and of the support staff here at AIIC GC. We know that, working together, the school and home can make this school year an exceptional learning experience for the children in our care. Along with the entire staff and admin, I wish everyone a spectacular year full of fun-filled learning.

Peace and Blessing
Mohammed Azhari
Day-to-day procedures:

Please allow me to outline a few of the ways you can help keep your child and all the children in our care safe.

**Parent Drop Off and Student Dismissal:** Parents should drop their children at the Gate/fence by the stairs. At the end of the day, students waiting for a ride should meet their parents at the designated entrance by the stairs. Any student still waiting by 3:45 will be escorted to the Administration Office.

**Student Arrival:** Students are to arrive at school between 8:20am and 8:30am. All students in Grades 1-10 should report directly to the Assembly Area.

**Late Arrival:** Any student arriving after 8:30am **MUST** report to the Administration Office before heading to class for record purposes.

**Leaving School Early:** When students leave school in the middle of the day, parents must sign them out at the Administration Office.

**Bus Riders:** Bus riders wishing to go home with another student must make arrangements and inform the Administration to amend routes in advance.

**Safety:** For your child’s safety on the playground each day, please be sure they are wearing close-toed shoes Black leather shoes. It is also school policy for students to wear a hat while outside for Break times.

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