### Principal’s Message

We welcome all students, parents and teachers to the commencement of the next academic term of the college calendar. It has been a delight to see the progress of students so far this year.

We recognise that all students are growing, changing and learning each day. All teachers appreciate that students like all of us, make mistakes and require the application of consequences for those mistakes to ensure that learning follows. Teachers with parents need to retain a very persistent and forgiving attitude, remembering that the brains of our students are still developing and that nurture and support together with the application of consequences are our responsibility.

It is sometimes heart-breaking when parents take sides against the teachers whose intention is to provide the very best for every student in their charge. It is important for us, at all times, to open lines of communication between parents and teachers to form quality partnerships for the successful development of each child.

I thank all of the parents for their partnership with teachers by attending the parent teacher interviews during the last week of last term.

While every child may not have the intellectual ability to attain great heights academically, every effort must be made to ensure they grow into a balanced and responsible adulthood to be valued members of society living Islamic values.

On the 22\textsuperscript{nd} of April we will have a special ANZAC day assembly. This is an important day on our College calendar to which all parents are invited to attend.

No canteen facility will be operating at the College until further notice. Please provide your children with nutritious food for morning break and lunch from home.

Gary Granzien

### Dates to Remember for April and May

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Welcome Back
Welcome to all parents and students to Term 2 of 2013. This is an 11 week term and we have lots to look forward to. In week 6 all students of year 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be sitting the NAPLAN tests. Students from year 3 -12 will be selected by the form/subject teacher to sit the ICAS Tests. If your child has been selected to participate, you need to sign and return the permission slip to your child’s form teacher. Under Eight’s week, Family Fun Night and our Annual Quran competition are events to look forward to. The annual sports day for all year levels will be held next term. I will be posting the dates each month on the events planned and we hope to have more parent involvement and support InshaAllah. This semester students will be receiving a report on their progress. These will be handed to students on the last day of the term. I wish all students, parents and teachers an enjoyable and productive term.

NAPLAN Years 3, 5, 7, 9 Tests
Alhamdulillah, our students will be participating in the statewide Literacy and Numeracy Test. The Literacy and Numeracy test will be held on 14th 15th and 16th May 2013. Kindly ensure that your child is present at school on these days. However, students absent on the above days may sit for the test on Friday 18th May 2013.

A letter of consent will be sent out to all students who qualify for exemptions and withdrawals. Please contact me if you need clarity on participation in the tests. Kindly return the signed form to the class teacher by Monday 6 May 2013.

Over the next few weeks, teachers of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be focusing on practice of past year papers and other practice materials available.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! This community program enables schools and early learning centres throughout Australia to earn educational resources simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths.

From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent, excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards. Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points and our school will be able to redeem these for educational resources.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program offers products to suit students of all ages across every educational category possible, including mathematics and English resources, science equipment, arts & crafts materials, sports gear and more.

Kindly place your completed point’s sheet in the box at the front office.

Fire Safety Program for Year 1
The fire department will be visiting the year one classes to talk to students about fire safety, good fires, bad fires and emergency evacuation plans at home. A second visit will be held in due course where students will have the opportunity to discover the fire truck and what the firemen use to extinguish fires. Students may even enjoy the best part, which is using the fire hose and having a feel of it! Teachers of year 1 will provide details of the program.

Mariam Banwa – Deputy Principal
Chaplaincy Program

The College has an ongoing Chaplaincy programme to enhance the Islamic ethos of our school by guiding students in matters of spirituality, values and ethics as well as ensuring the religious content in classes are of excellent quality.

The College Imams (Imam Ahmed, Imam Mohammed, Imam Yusuf and Imam Shazad) plan for and deliver student resilience and wellbeing services as well aid families in difficult situations with mediations or referrals as well as help families in need or in times of grief. The Imams also facilitate community partnership programs by organizing community leaders to address the students.

Our Chaplaincy programme has already commenced for 2013 and Insha-Allah will prove to be a successful one.

Responsibilities of parents towards their children

In Islam children are considered as precious gifts from Allah S.W.T. They are loved by their parents and they become the affection of the family. Parents should be aware of the many responsibilities that they have towards their children. One of these responsibilities is that parents should make sure that their children get the right Tarbiyah (upbringing). Parents should ensure that their children are happy, honest, religious and have knowledge about Islam.

Whilst teaching children, parents should always remember that children often learn from examples. The examples of parents play a very important role in the Tarbiyah of their children. Parents who want their children to be honest, religious and disciplined should themselves be honest, religious and disciplined.

Parents should set correct guidelines for their children, such as the proper understanding of a person’s relationship with Allah. Children should be taught that we are always dependant on Allah S.W.T. Children should also be able to understand the purpose of life, the reality of death and the reality of Jannah and Jahanam (Heaven and Hell). They should be taught the guidance that was conveyed by our beloved prophet Muhammed S.A.W. and the love and respect that we should have for him.

May Allah make it easy for us to educate our children to love Allah and to love our prophet Muhammed S.A.W. and the religion of Islam.

Imam Ahmed Azhari

Exciting News at Art Department

Term 2 will be an exciting time for art students at AIIC! Our school has been selected to participate in Culture Connect, a multicultural youth community art project coordinated by the Islamic Women’s Association of Queensland (IWAQ). The workshops will be conducted until week eight by Miss Renee Hood and by the workshop’s director, Mr Magdy Shiha. Mr Shiha specialises in digital art, graphic and visual art and is very pleased to be able to work with our students. Our Year 12 senior art class will be participating in the workshops and will use the artwork they develop for their first summative assessment. Also, another six lucky students will be selected to participate in the workshops as an art extension program. To read more about this project, you can view an article about the IWAQ Art project online in the Crescent of Brisbane Newsletter Issue 0438. Later this term, the art department will hosting an art exhibition as part of the school’s Family Fun Night where the artworks created from this workshop (and other artworks submitted by students) will be displayed. We hope to see you there!

Renee Hood – Art Teacher
The Islamic Department at AIIC is honoured to announce the 11th Annual Quran Recitation Competition.

All thanks and praise is due to Allah (S.W.T) and peace and blessings be upon his beloved Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W), his family and his companions.

**Date**
Tuesday, 23 April 2013  
(Prep to Year 6)  
Starts 9:30 am  

Wednesday, 24 April 2013  
(Year 7 to Year 12)  
Starts 9:30 am

**Location**
724 Blunder Road, Durack  
AIIC’s Multipurpose Hall

**All Welcome**

*Refreshments will be provided*