DEAR PARENTS

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.

MRS M. BANWA
AIIC PRINCIPAL
ASALAMU ALAIKUM,

A warm welcome to all at our AIIC Buranda Campus. I hope that all our students and their families have had a safe and enjoyable holiday. I expect that we are all feeling refreshed and looking forward to the year 2014 and all the challenges that it may bring. Let’s take it one day at a time and Inshallah we will achieve all our goals.

As parent participation is an important aspect in a child’s education, I kindly request that you assist and ensure that your child/children complete their homework on a weekly basis. For our senior students there is mathematics, English, spelling, timetables and Islamic component each week. For our junior students there will be an English sentence, spelling and mathematics component. For our Prep students there will be numbers, alphabets and later in the year a sight word component. Some of our students will be participating in the NAPLAN exam. To be proactive these students homework will be based on practice and preparation for these tests. It is also highly recommended that all students do some form of reading each night to improve their literacy levels. This is an opportunity for parents to spend quality time with their children and instil a love for books.

With the hot weather that we are experiencing children should always have a water bottle and a healthy lunchbox. Choose nutritious foods as this is important for children's growth, activity, concentration and learning. Try to include fresh fruit, vegetables, dairy food (cheese, yoghurt or milk), protein foods (meat, tuna, egg, lentils or beans), carbohydrates (sandwiches, rolls, pita bread, crackers, noodles, pasta, rice etc).

My aim is to provide a caring learning environment and help students increase their knowledge, skills, confidence, life experience and personal development with a wide range of topics and activities. With your support we can achieve this together Inshallah!

MRS N. KHAN
TEACHER

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Welcome back students! And a big warm welcome to the new students starting this year. I have heard some wonderful stories so far about all their holidays.

While everyone has been on their holidays, Mrs Khan and myself have been gathering quality resources that we think will make City Campus that much better. This year the students will enjoy play time in the classroom and outside with different educational games and sporting equipment.

Also this year, we will be getting new sets of reader books for the ‘Home Reading programme' which will InshAllah, resume in the middle of next month. It is a chance for students and parents to spend quality time together. To learn to read is rewarding and beneficial for their future success.

Restarting next month will be our ‘Student of the Month awards'. This is a programme held at our school each month to award the high achievers. Every month Mrs Khan selects three students whom have done well in the classroom. On the day of the awards we have our Multicultural liaison police officer, Sargent Jim Bellows, to present them with their certificate. ‘Student of the Month’ is a rewarding system put in place to allow children to feel special and encourages them to perform their best.

The library is once again open for business for students to borrow books. Earlier this week I sent library forms home to be signed and returned. Once I have received the signed agreement form and have given students their library bag they are free to start borrowing. "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you’ll go." (Dr. Seuss)

MISS S. HARRIS
ADMIN AND TEACHER AID