

# AL AMANAH COLLEGE

Success Through Knowledge

## NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Principal's Office

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and community of Al Amanah;

All praise and thanks are due to our Exalted God "Allah", the Creator of all and to Him belong the endowments and proper commendations. I ask Him to bestow upon us guidance and wisdom. May Allah raise the rank of Prophet Muhammad, and protect His nation from that which He fears for it.

As the academic year of 2018 comes to a close, I would like to acknowledge the extraordinary amount of work and achievements made by so many of our students, staff members, and parents for their continuous support in various school events and wish all of them the best.

On Friday 23 November, Al Amanah College held its **Annual Business Dinner** in the Liverpool campus which coincides with its **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. Twenty years of delivering true Islamic teaching and academics in a modern education setting. The evening continued with an Award Ceremony during which awards for 5, 10, 15 & 20 years of service, outstanding performance for Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff and other awards were presented to those who have exerted strenuous and great efforts to provide the encouragement, care, understanding, and latest pedagogical methods needed for our students.

Term 4 was extremely busy and exciting. Several excursions have been carried out to different places, incursions and workshops were taken place too. Moreover, our teachers finalised student report cards and assessments which give parents with feed-

back on their child's progress this year and see the comments for each subject to enable the parents discussing them with their children and celebrating their progress and successes and establishing expectations for learning in the coming year.

**Our Year Six students Graduation Day** will take place at Al Amanah College Liverpool campus on Monday 10 December. We will miss you a lot and we wish you all an exciting new journey into high school.

**Our whole School Presentation Day** will be held also at Al Amanah College Liverpool campus on Wednesday 12 December. This event marks the end of the school year and celebrates the achievements of our students. There will be exciting performances in Arabic and English. This will be followed by an Awards Ceremony as follows: Principal's Award, High Achievement Award, Most Conscientious Award, Consistent Effort Award and Values Award.

**Special Congratulations** also to our year 6 student Abu Bakr Istanbuli who has been selected as the recipient of a 2018 Community Service Award.

In closing, have a pleasant and enjoyable holiday and keep Al Amanah in your prayers.

Bassam Adra



### Dates to Remember

**Monday 10 December**

Year 6 Graduation

**Wednesday 12 December**

K-5 Presentation Day

Last Day of Term

**Thursday 31 January 2019**

Students return to school (Years 1-6)

**Monday 4 February**

Kindergarten Begin



## MAWLID CELEBRATION

"On Wednesday 21 November 2018, Al Amanah College Bankstown held an Islamic celebration under the slogan **MUHAMMAD A GUIDE & MORE FOR EVERY ERA**", commemorating the birth of The Honourable Prophet Muhammad peace be upon Him. The celebration began with a recitation of the Holy Qur'an, followed by amazing chants performed by students from different grades. Then the Mawlid competition started and prizes were distributed to the winners.

Finally, students got to choose a plate of sweets from the dessert buffet and some drinks.

From all staff at Al Amanah, we wish you a happy Mawlid filled with lots of goodness and blessings.

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم، الحمد لله والصلاة والسلام على سيدنا محمد الطاهر الأمين، وعلى إخوانه النبيين والمرسلين، وأصحابه وءاله الطيبين الطاهرين.

تحت شعار ( محمد نور الدهر وأكثر ) نظمت كلية الأمانة احتفالاً بمناسبة المولد النبوي الشريف لتلاميذها في كلية الامانة بانكستاون، وذلك بحضور الأساتذة، والطلاب، يوم الخميس الواقع في 21-11-2018 من الساعة التاسعة وحتى الساعة العاشرة والنصف صباحاً . افتتح الاحتفال بتلاوة عطرة من القرآن الكريم، ثم بدأ الطلاب بتقديم أجمل ما لديهم من أناشيد دينية عطرة ، وعروض .

وجرت مسابقة بين التلاميذ حول السيرة النبوية ثم وزعت هدايا على الفائزين. وكان الزي الإسلامي هو اللباس المعتمد بين الأساتذة والتلاميذ .

وفي نهاية الاحتفال تشارك التلاميذ الحلوى التي قدمها الاهالي حباً بالنبي ولهم منا جزيل الشكر .





# MULTICULTURAL MAWLID FESTIVAL 2018



**SATURDAY**  
**8<sup>th</sup> DEC**

**SUNDAY**  
**9<sup>th</sup> DEC**

**2PM - 10PM**

**PAUL KEATING PARK, BANKSTOWN**  
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## DOJO WINNERS EXCURSION

In Week 8 of Term 4, the top 5 students on Class Dojo were given the opportunity to attend a special excursion to reward them for their fantastic behaviour this year. The students from Years 3 – 6 travelled to Miranda to play putt putt golf. Students started off their experience by exiting an airplane and ‘travelling’ into South Africa. The students putted through market places, homes and even the streets of Mombasa. It was an enjoyable experience for all the students who were challenged to try and get the golf ball into the holes placed around the course. They all had so much fun on the day!

On Tuesday 4 December, the top five students who received the most Dojos in each class from Kindergarten and Year Two enjoyed a lovely picnic at Bankstown City Gardens. We were fortunate enough that weather conditions were fantastic to play outdoors. Students participated in a wide range of fun, physical activities and games that taught them valuable teamwork skills. Afterwards, students ate snacks and were treated to cool, refreshing ice blocks. To wrap up the day, students were able to play on the newly built play equipment. Well done once again to those students on receiving the most dojos.

Congratulations to all the top Class Dojo achievers!



## YEAR 6 LUNA PARK EXCURSION

As a reward for their brilliant effort throughout the year and way to say farewell, Year Six travelled to Sydney Luna Park for a fun day out. Sadly, this was to be their last excursion of their primary school life. For the last time, students were able to spend moments with the friends they have made and kept over the years at Al Amanah College.

Students made the most of their time together and had a blast roaming the park. They rode on every thrilling ride and attraction that Luna Park had to offer. Some faced their fear of heights, while others went on rides multiple times in succession, despite the dizziness. Overall, it was a wonderful day and a great way to say goodbye.



## YEAR 6 CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

This Term, as part of the Year Six fundraiser, students have been selling Cadbury Chocolate boxes. A competition was held to see who could successfully sell the most boxes and a bike and many more exciting prizes were up for grabs. In the end, the winner of the competition was Sofia Najjar from 1C. In second place, Fatima Chami-Batch from 4O and in third place, Walid Haddad from 6S. Well done and thank you to all those who participated.



## PREMIER READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all students who participated in the 2018 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. Thank you all parents and teachers who supported students to participate in this important initiative. Completion certificates for eligible students will be handed out in assembly this week. Gold Premier's Reading Challenge awards will be presented at this year's Presentation Day. Students receive a Gold Premier's Reading Challenge award in their fourth year of completing the challenge.

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge encourages students to experience high quality, engaging fiction and non-fiction that enriches their lives. We are very proud of the achievements of our students in completing this year's NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.



# OUR SCHOOL PARTICIPATED IN SHOE LACE TYING LESSONS



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## STAR STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Zainab Taha Ali  
KD



Abdurrahman Osama  
KD



Xavier Saleem  
3M



Nadine Abu Lebdeh  
5Z

## PARENT HOLIDAY TIP

### Benefits of an Evening Routine

Routines can take a bit of a siesta around now, so these ideas may be worth considering for a great start to 2019.

Keeping a regular routine is important for a lot of things, including for health reasons. Similarly, the Harvard Graduate School of Education has published a blog outlining how a predictable evening routine on school days can help create quality family time.

Here are some suggestions for parents, based on a two-hour routine:

- Begin by spending five to ten minutes discussing the day.
- Have children take out their homework, guide them in making a list of assignments, and ensure they have the supplies necessary to complete them.
- Eat dinner as a family; use conversation starters, such

as 'Would you rather live in the future or the past?' to encourage table talk. Encourage good table manners; give thanks for the good things in your lives.

- Sit with the children as they complete their homework to ensure it gets done thoroughly.
- Allow 30 minutes for a bedtime routine, including reading with the children.

Now not all these are doable in our busy lives, but they are certainly worth thinking about.

GenerationNext has linked an article adding some other tips that could be included in the above suggestions.

- Put electronics away and out of reach after dinner.
- Instil a regular bedtime routine.
- Pull back on the crammed schedule.
- Teach time management



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CELEBRATING  
**20 YEARS**  
**OF SUCCESS**

# 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BUSINESS DINNER

Twenty years ago, Al Amanah College opened its doors with the aim of delivering true Islamic teachings and academics in a modern education setting.

The school was faced with many challenges. Fortunately, with the dedication of its Principal, staff and community members these challenges were overcome. A small campus housing approximately 88 students and 4 teachers grew to become 2 campuses accommodating around 850 students and over 100 staff members.

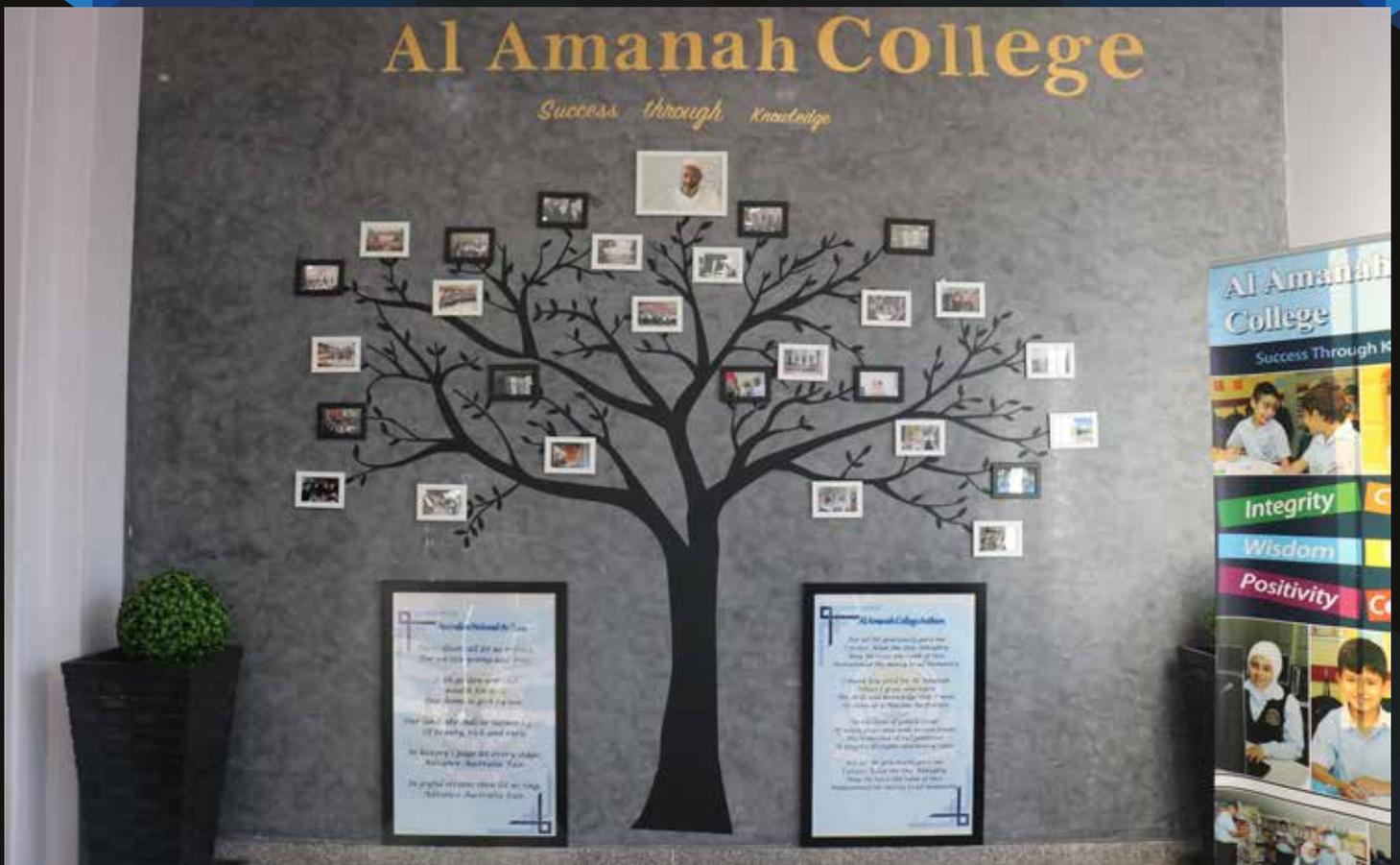
The focus has always been to offer a high degree of Islamic and Arabic teaching, academics and personalised service to our pupils and to allow for full bonding of pupils, parents/carers and teachers. Together Al Amanah became a success. Together, it has become possible to celebrate our 20 - year milestone anniversary.

Al Amanah College's environment is where excellence is a habit, and not an act. Graduates are encouraged to take the lead in their next challenge, as they have been trained. Students are reminded not to neglect the seeds that have been sown and are inspired to do all things with courage, as it is a great quality of the mind.

Our 20th Anniversary Business Dinner was held on Friday 23 November in the school's Grand Hall at the Liverpool campus. Staff members, student Alumni representatives, parents and prominent guests gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of our school staff throughout the years.

As in previous years, our staff and teachers were recognised for their hard work and commitment to the school. The amount of inspiration that teachers provide our students goes above and beyond our expectations.

Distinguished guests, including members of parliament, Council representatives, local NSW Police Area Commanders, media representatives, community leaders, religious advisors, parents and student Alumni representatives attended the dinner.





The evening's formal events began with a beautiful Qur'an recitation by Mohammad Hazarvi – Year 12 graduate, followed by a magnificent performance by the School choir of the school and national anthems. The School Head and founding Principal Mr Mohamad El Dana, delivered a welcoming speech. Mr El Dana reminisced on Al Amanah's journey over the past 20 years. The Chairman of Darulfatwa Islamic High Council of Australia, Dr. Sheikh Salim Alwan Al-Hussainiy spoke about the importance of acquiring Islamic knowledge and remaining steadfast on the path of Prophet Muhammad "Peace be upon him". He thanked Al Amanah for all their hard work in supporting and educating our community.

ICPA President and Al Amanah College first Chairman, Mr Mohamad Mehio also delivered a speech thanking the community for their support in making Al Amanah a success. Member of NSW Legislative Assembly, Mr Paul Lynch, MP for Liverpool and Ms Melanie Gibbons, MP for Holsworthy representing Minister for Education also addressed the evening's guests. Al Amanah College's special guest, Sheikh Ghanem Jalloul, a linguist and a scholar in Arabic literature, composed and delivered a poem marking this special occasion.

This year our Business Dinner guests were enlightened with a special Video Projection showcasing Al Amanah's growth over the past 20 years. It highlighted the college's growth, culture and values in many different ways. A special presentation of a Performance Poetry was also delivered by Al Amanah students. The school's Islamic chanting band made up of a number of very enthusiastic young boys and girls led by Sheikh Chadi Alkasem Al Azhary performed wonderful chants celebrating the occasion of the birth of prophet Muhammad Peace and blessings be upon him.





Our final speaker for the night was Jasmine Homaysi - a 2007 graduate and school captain. Jasmine gave a moving speech about the teachers and how they have had a positive effect on her life and her journey. The evening continued with an Award Ceremony during which awards were presented to the following staff members:

### **5 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD**

Azizal Aziz, Rayen Bebti, Nadine El Masri, Miriam Awada, Talahl Jamleoui and Laura Rainis.

### **10 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD**

Jenan Halabi, Nischal Lata, Sarah Najafi and Mohammed Taiba.

### **15 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD**

Gina Dabboussi and Hanan Dabboussi.

### **20 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD**

Founding and Head Principal Mr Mohamad El Dana.

### **OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD -TEACHING**

Mariam Sidaoui, Samiha El About, Fay Kurdi, Nourhan Khalil, Jared Mallitt, Natasha Shah.

### **OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD -NON TEACHING**

Mayada Homouda, Daa El Rifai.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS**

Mr Mohamad El Dana, in recognition of his outstanding leadership as the first and Head Principal of Al Amanah College marking 20 Years of Service, Dedication and commitment.

Mr Sam Kayal, director of Kayal Partners - in recognition of his continuous support for our school community.

### **AL-AZHAR IMAM AWARD**

Shaykh Mohamad Halabi in recognition of his meritorious fulfilment of the Azhary Imam course that was held in Egypt in July - August 2018.

In conclusion to an eventful evening, a buffet dinner was enjoyed by all staff members and guests marking 20 years of success at Al Amanah College.