

# AL AMANAH COLLEGE

Success Through Knowledge

## **NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of Al Amanah College;

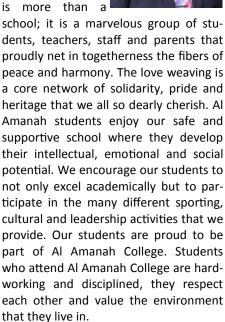
In the name of Allah the most merciful, we thank Allah for the blessing of being from the nation of the best creation; the nation of Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him.

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2018. In this edition we continue to share with you the school's achievements in 2018. During this term, Year Ten students had their graduation in a traditional Al Amanah College style with a whole school assembly and presentation ceremony. Year Eleven students had their presentation during week two. Year Seven, Eight and Nine students have continued to work at their studies and have enjoyed participating in various school and sporting events. Year Six students from both Liverpool an Bankstown campuses attended an open day as part of their transition programme to gain some insight into High School. They spent the day at the secondary school and participated in team building activities and met some high school staff in readiness for 2019.

2018 has been another amazing year of learning at Al Amanah College. It is clear that our success comes from a combination of good leadership, highly qualified teachers, a strong curriculum and excellent facilities. Together they create a supportive and inspiring learning environ-

### Message from the Principal's Office

ment. Al Amanah College is an institution that we hold in high regard. The feeling of obligation and gratitude toward it is well rooted in our hearts and minds. In fact, Al Amanah



The national testing NAPLAN is a good tool to track student progress for Years Three, Five, Seven and Nine. This year results showed a significant growth in literacy and numeracy skills for many students. Tests analysis are used to re-



#### Dates to Remember

MONDAY 14 - FRIDAY 25 JANUARY 2019

School Office Open 9:00am - 2:00pm

TUESDAY 22 - WEDNESDAY 23 JANUARY Uniform Sale Days

THURSDAY 24 JANUARY
Years Seven and Eleven Orientation
Day

MONDAY 28 JANUARY Public Holiday

THURSDAY 31 JANUARY
Students Day One - Term One Starts
Years One - Twelve

MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY Kindergarten Day One





fine Al Amanah's teaching/learning programmes. Knowledge of school-based assessments and these external tests assist us in diagnosing students who require support in the areas of literacy and numeracy.

Our students' success in numerous sporting activities has been evident this year, I offer my sincere congratulations to all staff and participants particularly our PDHPE teachers for their contribution to the success of the school's sporting activities.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) of 2018 played an important and active role in the school community. They promoted the views of their fellow students and encouraged them to become actively involved in their school's life. The students worked very hard! We humbly ask Allah to reward them for their ongoing commitment towards the betterment of their school community.

Amongst the many roles of the SRC committee is their commitment and dedication to the fundraising initiatives throughout the year for both the school and non-profit community organisations. These fundraising events included sport carnivals, harmony day, Eid fetes, chocolate fundraising and contributing to donations orphan. We are constantly working towards developing an even greater community and evolving the culture for which Al Amanah College is known for. Hopefully we will leave a lasting legacy!

Finally, I would like to thank not only all our staff, but also all volunteers who willingly give their time to make the school what it is. Appreciation and gratefulness duly goes to board members, committee members, in class support parents and our wonderful community. Our school could not run without your contribution; your work does so much to make the school what it is.

Many thanks to Mr Mallitt, our school's ICT teacher, for compiling this year's '2018' yearbook edition. I do hope our readers enjoy and will continue to regard this valuable yearbook publication in years to come.

We are looking forward to continue working with all involved in the success of Al Amanah. Our aim is to maintain and enrich the strong sense of community that has always set apart our school from the rest.

I wish our staff members, parents, and students a happy and safe holiday.

Regards,

Ayman Alwan Principal



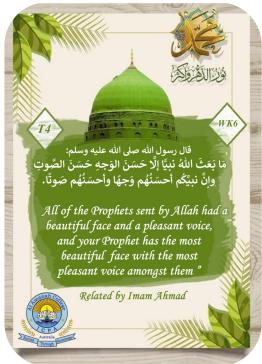
- . THANK YOU OH MESSENGER OF ALLAH... YOU ARE THE GUIDE AND THE NOBLE MODEL.
  - THANK YOU OH MESSENGER OF ALLAH...
     HOW BEAUTIFUL IS YOUR GUIDANCE.
  - THANK YOU OH MESSENGER OF ALLAH...
     YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF OUR HEARTS.
  - THANK YOU OH MESSENGER OF ALLAH...
     ALLAH GUIDED US BY SENDING YOU.
  - THANK YOU OH MESSENGER OF ALLAH...
     YOU BRIGHTENED OUR WORLD.



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#### الأحاديث الأسبوعية

#### **Hadiths of the Week**







#### محمد\_نور\_الدهر\_وأكثر

#### كلية الأمانة الإسلامية تحتفل في ذكرى المولد النبوي الشريف في سدني تحت شعار محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم نور الدهر وأكثر

إحتفاء بذكرى المولد النبوي الشريف أقامت كلية الأمانة الإسلامية في ليفريول- سدني حفلة إنشادية في قاعة الأمانة الكبرى حضرها مدير المدرسة الاستاذ أيمن علوان والفريق العامل في مدرسة الامانة وطلاب المرحلتين الإبتدائية والثانوية كما حضرها جمع من أهالي الطلاب. بعد كلمة الترحيب من عريف الحفل الطالب مهاب صيداوي وتلاوة آيات من القرآن الكريم للطالب محمد علوان ألقى مدير المدرسة الأستاذ أيمن علوان كلمة بالمناسبة هنا فيها الحضور من أهالي ومعلمين وطلاب بهذه الذكرى العظيمة.

وبعد كلمة المدير القى الشيخ سامر الشافعي الأزهري كلمة دينية متناولا "قصة المولد النبوي الشريف وما فيه من معاني ودروس وعبر". كما قدم بعض من طلاب المرحلة الإبتدائية الطالب نور الدين القاسم - مريم ملاح - بكر الذهب ولجين المزاني قصائد في مدح النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم.

ومن المرحلة الثانوية شارك الطالب بهاء الدين القاسم من الصف الثاني عشر ايضا بقصيدة شعرية عن حب النبي محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم. وقدم فريق الأمانة الناشئة مجموعة من الأناشيد الخاصة بالمناسبة ولقد تميزوا بأدائهم وسط تفاعل كبير من الطلاب والأهالي. نتقدم من طلابنا وأهاليهم الأعزاء بأحر التهاني بهذه المناسبة العظيمة راجين من الله تعالى أن يعيدها علينا وعليكم بالخير واليمن والبركات. وكل عام وأنتم بخير.

#### **Mawlid Celebration 1440H**

On Thursday 29 November 2018, Al Amanah College Liverpool Campus students gathered today to commemorate the great occasion of the birth of the best of all creations – our master Prophet Muhammed (peace and blessings upon him). The Mawlid is a joyful event during which Muslims gather to thank Allah for sending Prophet Muhammad, (peace be upon him). The Muslims commemorate this event repeatedly every year on 12 Rabee` al'Awwal, which is the day when the Prophet was born. During this event, the Muslims come together, recite Qur'an, praise the Prophet, speak about the honourable life of the Prophet and his attributes, learn about Islam, and serve food.

The Mawlid celebration started with the grand entrance of the Nawbee band. The occasion was marked with a beautiful recitation from the Holy Qur'an from a talented year 9 student Muhammad Alwan. This was preceded with the Principal's address Mr Ayman Alwan recognising the efforts of Al Amanah College in teachings its students the true Islamic creed and reflected on the great occasion of celebrating the birth of the Prophet Muhammad as a good innovation. He also thanked Darulfatwa and ICPA for their continuous support and guidance. He also greeted and congratulated the parents, students and the school community on this blessed occasion.









#### **Mawlid Fundraiser**

Al Amanah College held a cake store fundraiser where students were encouraged to donate cakes, muffins and cupcakes for the event. Due to the generous donations by the students there were an assortment of cakes that were sold which assisted towards fundraising for the Multicultural Mawlid Concert in Sydney Olympic Park. We would also like to take this opportunity to invite all of our students, families and friends to attend the Multicultural Mawlid Concert which was held on Sunday 2 December 2018, starting from 4:00pm, at the State Sports Centre, Olympic Boulevard, Homebush. Muslims representing countries from all over the world gather to watch performances in a range of languages celebrating their love and devotion to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). The Multicultural Mawlid Concert is open to everyone and entry is free. This is an event that should not be missed.



#### **Year Six Open Day**

Year Six Open Day marked the welcoming of Year Six into Al Amanah high school. The students were able to get a glimpse of high school life through Samira Eid who gave an insightful speech about her recollections of Year Seven in 2018. Year Six students asked many questions to the select panel of Year Twelve SRC students, including how to study effectively, time management and who to ask for help around the school. Year Six, under the guidance of the SRC leaders participated in numerous fun-filled activities including a guided tour of high school and games.

We wish all Year Six Al Amanah students the best of luck transitioning into high school in 2019. *Thankyou* to all the SRC students for all your time and effort in making it a wonderful day for the Year Six students.







#### Star Student of the Week





#### **Year Six Luna Park Excursion**

On Thursday 6 December, Year Six students attended their final primary school excursion - Luna Park, Sydney. The day was filled with laughs, excitement and most of all, final memories for all students heading into high school next year. Students made their way around the park in groups. We would like to thank our dedicated teachers and parent helpers for ensuring students made the most of their time. There were many different rides and attractions, some for those who dared to push their comfort zone to the limit, and others who joined the rest of the crowd with a smile on their faces. From roller coasters to hair-raising drops, it was a day filled with adventure for all.

We would like to congratulate the Year Six graduating class of 2018!

Miss Parker and Mr Jamleoui



#### **2018 Robotics Competition**

Space, astronauts, radiation, what an experience! Sunday 18 November 2018, Robotics students of Al Amanah College went on an adventure to Bossley Park High School, in order to participate the First Lego League competition. Students of various grades Seven, Eight and Ten contributed to numerous sectors of the competition; programming, presentations, and literary discussions; consolidating their skills throughout subjects of Mathematics, Science and English.

Each student of Al Amanah College enjoyed the event; and acknowledged the essentiality in maintaining mutual respect, responsibility, and moral sup-



port for one another, in order to optimistically succeed, within all activities of the day.

Students had been working tirelessly throughout school days visiting and constantly utilising the advice of professional teachers, scientists, and professors.

All students thank our school for facilitating such an event, and in particular Dr El Hajje for consistently instilling support and care for all students. The robotics committee also acknowledges the assistance and support or our school principal Mr Alwan and the secondary school coordinator Mrs Dabboussi for their moral support throughout the event.

Abubakar Abdullah and Danna Raiab

#### **Senior Student Engagement**

Year Twelve students participated in the "Academic and Professional Speakers in Schools" (APSS) programme delivered by the Western Sydney University on the 22 November at the college campus in Liverpool. Dr Kay Hempsall engaged the senior students in a seminar on developing leadership from the inside out.

The student-centred seminar focussed on developing skills to plan a focussed approach to academic goals in relation to career and long-term planning. Students actively participated in a number of activities which provided the cohort with some insightful ideas to deeply think and reflect on their aspirations and plans for the future with emphasis on 'how to attain long term goals via the success in attainment of short term goals.

Year Twelve students took advantage of the opportunity to reflect on how much of their energy and time they devote towards their responsibilities as a full-time student and the implications of their devotion to studies on their success.

Dr Kay also provided students with an array of ideas on time management for the effective pursuit of their academic goals and "how not to burn out" in their final year of schooling.

The incursion has provided the senior class with a timely reminder on the importance of effective time management and consistent need for review of their study regime and academic goals.



#### **Leaders and Mentors End of Year Excursion**

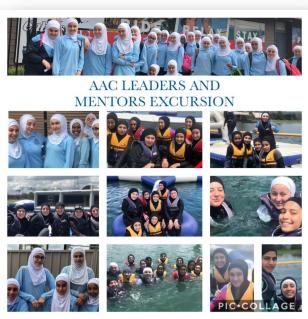
On Thursday 6 December 2018, selected students from Year Seven - Nine attended a 'Leaders and Mentors' end of year excursion to Cables Aqua Park in Penrith. The students were selected based on their outstanding academic achievements in their religious studies and Islamic ethics. This year we had an increase in the number of students attending the excursion due to this rewarding incentive and students' hard work and commitment throughout the school year.

Throughout the day students enjoyed exploring the various inflatable water obstacles and slides. The perfect hot weather allowed the students to enjoy the sessions and to soak in the summer sun. Students were well behaved throughout the day and have effectively implemented the Islamic ethics and manners they learnt at school.

We extend our gratitude to the religion department and especially to Sheikh Amr Alshelh Al-Azhary for organising the excursion. *Thankyou* to all the teachers and parent volunteers who made the day even more memorable for the students.

On behalf of Al Amanah College, we wish all the families and students a happy and relaxing holiday and hope to see their refreshed and exciting faces to begin the 2019 academic year.





#### Senior Student Advice – Summer Break

The first term of studies for the HSC class of 2018 is drawing to an end. It is essential for senior students to devote some time towards their learning during the upcoming summer while also enjoying a well-deserved holiday! It is strongly advised that 2018 HSC class engage in:

- 1. Planning and successfully implementing a study regime over their summer break. It is recommended that Year Twelve students take leadership in formulating a plan to accommodate family and personal commitments whilst also making time for academic pursuits
- 2. In academic knowledge driven courses such as Business Studies, Biology, Economics, Geography and Chemistry it is vital that ample time is spent reading to ensure preparations for the half yearly exams are well underway during the break. It is also essential that all syllabus concepts, skills and rubric requirements for these courses are clearly understood by all students.
- 3. In English, it would be advisable for students to ensure all prescribed texts and rubric requirements are well understood. In Mathematics solving problems is key to success.
- 4. The use of past HSC exams for practice under time constraints is an excellent idea. Note the past exams and marking criteria/guidelines are available on NESA website.

Learning resources will continue to be available on Moodle and it is a great pathway to remain engaged with academic work. Mr Nand will continue to be available via email over the break in the event you have any queries regarding your volunteer work and or record keeping for university related applications in 2018.



#### 2018 Year Ten Graduation

Al Amanah College held its Year Ten graduation ceremony in the Grand Hall on Friday 30 November 2018. The presentation ceremony acknowledged the academic performance and achievements of the students throughout the year.

It was a momentous occasion for Year Ten students today as they graduated after completing eleven years of school! The years of hard work and effort finally paid off and students experienced immense relief in completing a daunting task.

The school's Head Principal Mr El Dana congratulated the Year Ten students on their success in completing their journey spanning eleven years of schooling.

The occasion was blessed by the presence of the chairman of Darulfatwa the Islamic High Council of Australia, Dr Sheikh Salim Alwan Al-Hussainiy. He acknowledged and thanked all the stakeholders for their contribution towards the success of the school. He also advised the graduating students to continue to work hard and stay steadfast with their belief and the true knowledge of Islam that they have gained at the school.

Thankyou to all the parents who attended the ceremony. It was wonderful to see a large number of parents turn up for the event.

The Liverpool Campus Principal Mr Alwan handed out the awards thanking all recipients of special awards for their hard work and dedication.

Al Amanah College community congratulate the following outstanding achievements of the students who have set benchmarks in various areas of learning and schooling:

**ADF: Houssam Jamous USYD:** Danna Rajab

Young Scientist Award: Nada Khaled and Danna Rajab

History Competition Award: Ayah Saad and Danna Rajab

South West Connect Award: Nada Khaled

Caltex Award: Elias Kahil

Ten: Danna Rajab and Bilal El Omari Principal Award: Danna Rajab, Bilal El

**Omari and Mariam Abdullah** 

Achievement Awards: Nada Khaled, Numeer Imtiaz, Tia Saad and Mohamad Farhat

Consistent Effort Awards: Ibrahim Moussa, Ayah Saad and Ahmad Walid Dabboussi

Values Award: Muhammad Alwan and **Tehreem Warach** 

**SRC Awards** 

Class Captains - Houssam Jamous and Rhyanna Husseini

Vice Captains - Numeer Imtiaz and Majeda Hawchar

SRC Members - Mohammad Rawanduz and Balsam Chams

**Sports Awards** 

Sports person of the year: Merajul

**Shovan and Mariam Abdullah** 

Age Champion: Ibrahim Moussa and **Balsam Chams** 

Congratulations to Year Ten award re-Most Outstanding Students of Year cipients for their academic achievements. Wishing them all the best for the future educational endeavours.









#### What is Healthy?

♦ Turn off the TV or computer and get active Good health - for you and your children - is all about striking the right balance between healthy eating and regular physical activity.

It starts from understanding the benefits of being healthy, knowing what is a healthy weight and learning more about healthy eating and physical activity for kids.

#### The good news...

Having a healthy lifestyle, eating well and being physically active helps children to:

- build strong bones
- grow and develop healthily
- improve their concentration at school
- maintain a healthy weight
- be alert and active

....and the bad news

Being unhealthy can lead to problems in later life, such as:

- type two diabetes
- high blood pressure and cholesterol levels
- some types of cancers
- heart disease
- stroke
- joint problems and breathing problems
- being overweight and obese



https://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/parents-carers/ faqs/what-is-healthy.aspx



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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.

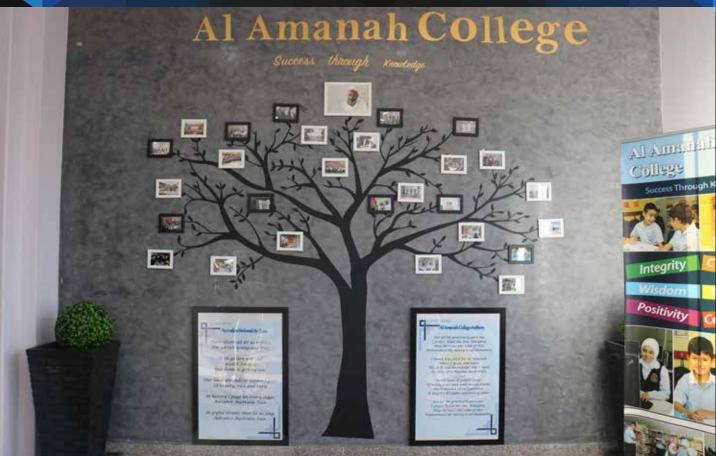
Our 20th Anniversary Business Dinner was held on Friday 23 November in the school's Grand Hall at the Liverpool campus. Staff members, student Alumni representatives, parents and prominent guests gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of our school staff throughout the years.

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, Diaa 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.