

AL AMANAH COLLEGE

Success Through Knowledge

NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal's Office

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

Praise be to the Lord Allah, the One with whom we seek protection, sustenance and guidance, I ask Allah to raise the rank of Prophet Muhammad and protect his nation from that which he fears for it.

It has been a pleasure to welcome back our families. I hope you all had a pleasant break and time for rest and relaxation. It was great to see so many during our orientation days. Every person I spoke to talked about the positive vibe Al Amanah College has.

I would like to welcome the new families to Al Amanah College and hope they feel at home. We look forward to establishing a strong partnership by working towards an exciting and productive year ahead.

I would also like to welcome back our staff they have returned from long holiday break with full energy and enthusiasm for the new academic year. A special welcome back to Mrs Adam primary school teacher.

Our priorities for this year are clearly focused on pedagogy and communication. In the area of pedagogy, our specific focus will be on embedding our school Pedagogical Framework into our lesson design and delivery. The teaching of reading and the improvement of reading outcomes for every student will be a number one priority. Communication will focus on improved communication with parents.

Our 2017 - 2021 strategic plan priority areas are: quality learning, quality teaching, student well being - parent partnership and leadership.

Again, we emphasize on the partnership between school and home. We consider it vital in the learning journey of each child. It will also strengthen the communication between students, parents and school. Consequently, we remind you to provide the following:

1. Your current email address so that we can send you the school newsletter or the like.
2. Inform the administration office in writing whenever your child is absent.
3. Inform the administration and the class teacher if there are any changes to your child's medical condition.
4. Update your contact phone numbers, address and employment details if there are any changes.
5. Approach our teachers, coordinator and myself if you have any concerns about your child.

Finally, all parents are again encouraged to approach me, our coordinators or the class teachers if they have any concerns about their child's progress. We look forward to vitalising supplemental partnership with the whole community of Al Amanah College.

I look forward to our journey ahead. If we can do our best and have integrity in the way we approach life's challenges, we will enjoy a positive and productive future.

Regards,

Ayman Alwan
Principal



Dates to Remember

TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY
Boys Swimming Carnival

THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY
SRC Induction

MONDAY 4 - FRIDAY 8 MARCH
School Clean Up Week

TUESDAY 5 - THURSDAY 7 MARCH
Secondary NAPLAN Trials

TUESDAY 12 - THURSDAY 14 MARCH
Primary NAPLAN Trials

WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH
SRC Breakfast

FRIDAY 15 MARCH
National Day Against Bullying

TUESDAY 19 MARCH
K - Six Athletics Carnival

WEDNESDAY 20-THURSDAY 28 MARCH
Year Twelve Half Yearly Examinations

THURSDAY 21 MARCH
Harmony Day

MONDAY 8 APRIL
GIRLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL
BOYS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

THURSDAY 11 APRIL
SRC Excursion

BACK
TO
SCHOOL

Reminders - Reminders - Reminders

Student Attendance

School hours are from 8:15am - 3:30pm. All students must be at school at 8:15am and any pattern of continuous lateness even if a late note is obtained will result in the school calling the parents for an interview. Students need to be punctual to school in order for them to participate in the morning supplications and assembly. Lessons begin at 8:30. Students who arrive after roll call ends will need to obtain a late note from the office. These students will miss out on class time and this will affect their overall learning. It is also disruptive for the students who are punctual. We ask for your cooperation to ensure your child arrives on time in order to maximise his/her learning.

School Uniform

As a part of school policies, students are required to attend school with correct school uniform and proper haircuts. Teachers will be checking students' uniform every morning. Students found wearing incorrect uniform or with inappropriate haircuts will be sent to the office and parents will be contacted and asked to either bring the correct uniform or take the student home.

Please ensure your child labels all items of clothing. We have tubs of lost property on display in the office area. Many of the items are new and very costly. We have numerous items such as jumpers and hats. Please ask your child to check through lost property carefully.

School Hats - 'No hat, play under the shelter'

The time has come! The sun's intensity is building and we need to protect the children's skin once again. For those who need a new hat, please visit the office on Tuesday to purchase one.

Nut Aware School

We strive to be a 'nut-aware' environment in order to minimise risks to students. Staff members are trained to administer assistance when allergic reaction occurs. For some children, even the smallest trace of nut product can result in an allergic reaction. Please be careful with the food you send your child/ren to school with.



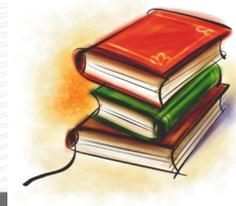
Parents/School Communication

Staff at Al Amanah College use emails together with the website for all forms of communication. The website is fast becoming a point of contact to receive an abundance of information together with all the home communication being accessible in the one place. We encourage all parents to update their details by providing us with their current email address and mobile phone numbers. Al Amanah College website enhancements include:

- Easier to navigate information about the school
- A link to our Facebook and Twitter pages
- A Calendar that gives you a full insight into the current academic year
- Online stories available through our latest News & Events
- Subscribe to our newsletter to receive our latest publications

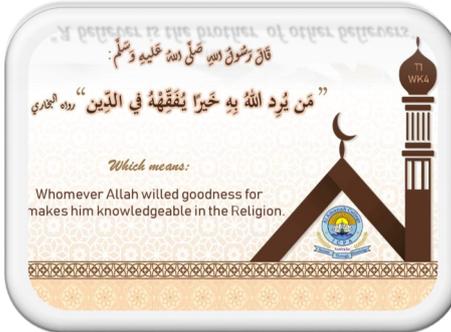
Al Amanah College established a fast and easy communication link between teachers and parents to keep you updated and informed about class events and other important information. Therefore we ask parents and guardians to provide us with an email address which is checked on a regular basis. Some of the following will be the things communicated through email:

1. Al Amanah College - primary and secondary schools implemented a whole school token reward system. This reward system has been running successfully through an automated online 'Class Dojo.' Teachers reached the next phase of the programme, which is to provide parents with usernames and passwords to access the system. Through this system, you may monitor the behaviour of your child on a daily basis.
2. Important events reminders such as parent/teacher nights, P&C meetings and general school events.
3. Information that may not have reached you through a standard note sent home with your child.



الأحاديث الأسبوعية

Hadiths of the Week



Important Notice

Road Safety

We have noticed that many parents are not following the road rules when picking up their children in the afternoons and we would like to emphasise on the safety issues that this may cause. Many parents have been:

- Ignoring the teacher's requests to move forward or drive around the block to make space for the public buses.
- Disregarding the line of cars and turning in front of other cars in order to pick up their children.
- Double parking and asking their children to walk out onto the road to get in the car
- Turning at the double lines even in front of parking inspectors / rangers

The school has put many measures in place in order to ensure the safety of our children. When parents are disregarding these measures and taking it upon themselves to do as they wish, it is putting children at risk.

We request that all parents follow the road rules and also follow the requests of teachers and staff outside the gates all for the best interest of the children.

Star Student of the Week

K - 1

2 - 6

Week 2

Week 3

Week 4

Week 2

Week 3

Week 4



Mariam Abu Swireh

1K



Jouri Trad

1D



Lezeta Yilmaz

KH



Leena Alaany

3S



Lujain Almzayyen

2P



Ibrahim Alshafei

3H

2018 Al Amanah College End of Year Events

Years Seven to Nine End of Year Presentation 2018

Friday 7 December 2018 marked the end of year award presentation ceremony for year 7-9. The formalities began with the MC student Sabrina Kfoury introducing Muhammad Alwan for a beautiful Qur'anic recitation of the Holy Qur'an. This was followed with the college principal, Mr Ayman Alwan who delivered a speech emphasising the school equipping the students with the true teaching and methodology of Islam in accordance to the rules of religion. This can be greatly attributed to the hard work and dedication of the Al Amanah College Arabic and Religion department which guides the students to a path of moderation free from extremism. Mr Alwan reflected on the 2018 academic year with the improvement in NAPLAN results, an increase in class averages and the introduction of various technology and communication medians including Igloo, Moodle and Class Dojo to ensure a more effective collaboration between the school and the parents.

This was proceeded with a religious lesson by Shaykh Amr Alshelh Al Azhary who spoke about the Prophet's manners and ethics. Amongst one of the traits that the Prophet used was that he maintained a good relationship with his kin. In addition, he stressed the importance of seeking the obligatory knowledge through joining the circles of knowledge by attending religious lessons in Liverpool, Bankstown and Chester Hill mosques.

A video was played which showcased the school's twenty years of achievements since its humble beginnings. This was proceeded with an Arabic speech by Year Eight student Fouad Maarbani who spoke about the importance of learning the Arabic Language as it is the language of dwellers in paradise, the Qur'an and the language of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him).

The most eagerly anticipated event of the morning was the award ceremony which highlighted students' achievements from across the Year Seven to Nine cohort. This was based on either their academic, sporting and extra-curricular participation.

Most Outstanding Awards

Ziyad Muhammad of 7B2, Khadija Abdallah of 8G, Shorooq Khashsahneh of 8G and Halima Zahab of 9M2

Year Seven Principal Awards

Hadi Tabbara 7B1, Mohammed Abdo of 7B1, Omar Alwan 7B1, Amani Ibrahim 7G and Rabia Imtiaz 7G

Year Eight Principal Awards

Sara Dhafer Alaany 8G, Fatima Azzahra 8M and Javariya Rajpoutbhatti 8G

Year Nine Principal Awards

Sabrina Kfoury 9M1, Muhammad Alwan 9M1, Rossel Alobeidi 9M1 and Yassmin Kabbout 9M1

Year Seven Achievement Awards

Yusuf Khazma 7B1, Dora Rajab 7G, Samira Eid 7G, Siham Nachar 7G, Ahmad Mansi 7B1, Kawthar Aldhalimi 7G, Rayan Beig 7G and Ayman El-Kabbout 7B1

Year Eight Achievement Awards

Fouad Maarbani, Shayma Abdul-Al 7G, Fariza Tanzim 7G, Muhammad Hussein 8B and Kamal Hassan 8B

Year Nine Achievement Awards

Malak Kabbout 9M2, Majdaldeen Sidaoui 9M2, Iyad Muhammad 9M2, Ahmad Massalkhi 9M2, Ahmed Khaled 9M1 and Alae Jamous 9M2

Year Seven Consistent Effort Awards

Akram El Bandar 7B1, Yousuf El Mahy 7B1, Omar Hussein 7B2, Hussein Hage Obeid 7B2, Avan Rawanduz 7G and Dalia Diab 7G

Year Eight Consistent Effort Awards

Rayhan Shah 8B, Marwan Bajouri 8B, Lujain El Sayed 8G, Sarah Shwan 8G, Jaad Krayem 8M and Amira Nabilssi 8M

Years Seven to Nine End of Year Presentation 2018

Year Nine Consistent Effort Awards

Shereen Baltaji 9M1, Doaa Ahmad 9M1, Ameera Kanj 9M2 and Muhammad Bakir 9M2

Values Award

Davin Saleh 7G, Idris Alchaar 7B1, Elibaid Mohamed 7B2, Ahmad Sultan 8M, Sherwan Khalil 8B, Tianna Hoblos 8G, Tania Diab 9M1 and Nada Kerdi 9M2

A special thank you to the volunteers of 2018:

Mrs Nabilssi, Mr Sidaoui, Mrs El Sayed, Mrs Rajab and Mr Abdullah El Masri

A big congratulations goes out to all the 2018 award recipients. To conclude the event the chanting band enlightened the audience with beautiful Islamic chants.



Year Six Graduation 2018

On Monday 10 December 2018, Year Six students attended their end of year graduation for the final time as primary students. The day was filled with excitement and there was not a dry eye in sight, with smiling faces from parents, teachers and family members who came together to celebrate this occasion. The formalities began with the MC Mr Jamleoui introducing Ahmad El-Saj for a beautiful Qur'an recitation from the Holy Qur'an.

This was followed with the College's Head Principal; Mr Mohamad El Dana, who delivered a speech emphasising on the school equipping the students with the true teaching and methodology of Islam in accordance to the rules of religion. This can be greatly attributed to the hard work and dedication of the Al Amanah College Religion and Arabic department which guides the students to a path of moderation free from extremism. Mr El Dana reflected on the 2018 academic year and congratulated Year Six students on completing seven years of their primary studies and wished them the best of luck in their secondary school.

This was proceeded with a religious lesson by the school's religious advisor, Shaykh Ibrahim Alshafie, who spoke about the importance of acquiring the Islamic knowledge from the right source such as Al Amanah College. In addition, he stressed on the importance of spending our time wisely and advised parents and students to seek the obligatory knowledge through joining the circles of knowledge by attending religious lessons during the school holidays. The School's Religious Advisor Shaykh Ibrahim Alshafie congratulated the Year Six students on their success in completing their journey spanning seven years of schooling.

The graduation ceremony continued with a selection of speeches from various staff members and Year Six graduates. A video was played which projected and showcased the school's twenty years of achievements since its humble beginnings. Year Six then lit up the room with their amazing performance and were excited to collect their graduation certificates, along with those who achieved various awards in different categories.

The most eagerly anticipated event of the morning was the award ceremony which highlighted student's achievements during 2018 academic year based on either their academic, sporting and extra-curricular participation.

End of Year Award Recipients:

Quota International Award

Zaidan Al Hinnawy

South West Connect Award

Adam Khashashneh

Gifted and Talented Programme

Maysa El Masri, Daniyal Saddiqui, Jacob Alsawafi, Aiyad Hassan, Abbas Hussen, Fouad Karime and Adam Khashashneh

Parent-Certificate of Appreciation

Mrs Noura Sultan, Mrs Mona El-Mazloun, Mrs Kylie Abdallah and Mr Ahmad Abdallah

SRC and Captains

Daniyal Siddiqui, Yara Hammad, Abdullah Jirjees, Alyssa El Masri, Jibril El-Khatib, Mariam Srour, Adam El-Mazloun, Dina Ahmed, Jana Moussa, Adam Khashashneh, Nour Al Kasem and Maysa El Masri

Sport Awards

Mohamad El-Hussein and Yasmine Swayze

Outstanding Athlete Award

Abdullah Jirjees and Mousa Arnaout

Values Award

Dalia Rawanduz and Rusal Al Aliawy

Consistent Effort Award

Samia Owais, Jana Moussa, Jasmine El-Kabbout and Dina Rawanduz

Achievement Awards

Daniyal Saddiqui, Nour Al Kasem, Aiyad Hassan, Mariam Srour, Fouad Karime and Mohammed Alfartose

Principal Awards

Maysa El Masri, Jacob Alsawafi, Adam Khashashneh and Zayaan Ahmed

The day ended on a sugar high with plenty of cake and biscuits to go around. We congratulate Year Six on finishing their final year of primary school. Looking forward to seeing everyone energised and fresh for the 2019 academic year.

Year Six Graduation 2018



Kindy - Year 5 End of Year Award Ceremony - 2018

Congratulations to all the primary students for completing the school year. Years K - 5 presentation day was held on Tuesday 11 December 2018. The formalities began with the MC, Mr Jamleoui introducing Ayah Nabilssi for a beautiful Qur'anic recitation of the Holy Qur'an. This was followed by the college principal, Mr Alwan who delivered a speech emphasising on the school equipping the students with the true teaching and methodology of Islam in accordance to the rules of religion. This can be greatly attributed to the hard work and dedication of the Al Amanah College Arabic and Religion department which guides the students to a path of moderation free from extremism. Mr Alwan reflected on the 2018 academic year with the improvement in NAPLAN results an increase in class averages and the introduction of various technology and communication medians including Igloo, Moodle and Class Dojo to ensure a more effective collaboration between the school and the parents.

A video was played which projected and showcased the school's twenty years of achievements since its humble beginnings. This was proceeded with a religious lesson by Sheikh Mohamad Halabi. As part of the award ceremony, selected students from each class were chosen to receive an award for their hard work throughout the year. To end the ceremony, each grade presented a class performance. The performances were fantastic. Our kindy and Year Three performances were the highlight of the day.

Parent Awards- Certificate of Appreciation

Kindy - Mrs Nesrene Karime, Mrs Lorraine Obeid, Mrs Dalal Kahil and Mrs Rana Masri

Year One - Mrs Mariam Ballout, Mrs Nadine El Darwich, Mr Wissam Adra, Mr Sayedul Islam Abrar, Mr Bilal Abdelaal, Mrs Wafa Hawchar and Mrs Amira Halbouni

Year Two - Mrs Lisa Marie Rajab and Mrs Bariah Rifi

Year Three - Mrs Amira Elchaar, Mrs Manal Mhimid and Mrs Abduljabbar

Year Four - Mrs Mariem Hammoud and Mrs Fatima Mohamed El Tayeb

Year Five - Mrs Mona Zeinelabdein and Mrs Omkholthom El Faki

Gifted and Talented Certificates

Elhan Katovik, Enora Mehedy and Salim Alwan

Premier Reading Challenge Gold Certificate

Amar Khashashneh and Sama Khashashneh

Term Four Class Dojo Top Achiever

Ahmed Mohammad- 1R- 536 Points

Sport Awards

Kindy - Abdullah El Ghourani and Jasmine Sahyouni

Year One - Abdullah Yasir, Muhammad Alzubaidy and Sarah Alshelh

Year Two - Paris El Wazzi and Ahmad Raad

Year Three - Khaled Bajouri, Reham Mohamed and Razzan Abdalla

Year Four - Osman Swayze and Hamzah Asfour

Year Five - Ayesha Hamouda and Adam Karat

Outstanding Athlete Award

Year Three - Bassem Ali, Omar Kabbout and Jinaan El Baba

Year Four - Ahmed Abu El Hassan and Omar Zein

Year Five - Abdelrahim El Wazzi and Azzam Krayem



Kindy - Year 5 End of Year Award Ceremony - 2018

Values Award

Kindy - Dunya Sadek and Ahmed Elobeid
Year One - Asiyah Nabilssi, Yahya El Darwich and Azra Bilajac
Year Two - Edin Beganovic and Omar Kassem
Year Three - Syed Ali, Rameen Irfan and Jannah Arnaout
Year Four - Bashir Kamal and Deen Beganovic
Year Five - Ayah Nabilssi and Danya Makouk



Consistent Effort Awards

Kindy - Suraya El Masri, Ibrahim Beyrouiti, Roqaya Al-Zu'bi and Hussien Syani
Year One - Layla Alzubaydi, Aysha Baba, Zain Tabikh, Jana El Masri, Qatrun-Nada Kabbout and Lujayn Almzayyen
Year Two - Roukaya Alkinani, Mohammad Al Rahoumi, Yara Hoblos and Jalal El-Kabbout
Year Three - Adem Bilajac, Lamar El Farren, Yousif Jirjees, Meena Sulaiman, Lammar Eid and Mustafa Ahmed
Year Four - Galeb El-Hussein, Tamineh Refaieh, Zaara Yasir and Amar Khashashneh
Year Five - Melissa Khazzal, Zackaria Khaled, Nizar Halabi and Aseel Kanj

Achievement Awards

Kindy- Rehab Al Badri, Abdul Rahman Ghannoum, Mariam Abu Swireh, Adyan Amin, Rowa Kahil and Eleena Eid
Year One - Mariam Arrfat, Daad Trad, Noah Maarabani, Alyssa Hawchar, Jacob Adra, Aminah El Niz, Jad El Masri, Ayesha Asmar and Ahmad Hazarvi
Year Two - Muhammad Ayan, Hana Katovik, Huda Khan, Hidayah Chowdhury, Bilal Elhallak and Hana Kamal
Year Three - Samar Anis, Zahra Alsawafi, Mohammad Kassem, Janet Al Aliawy, Rami Al-Saeedi, Inas Elsj, Haya Mhimid, Sama Kashashneh and Mariah El Bandar
Year Four - Ruqayah El Omari, Muhannad Mouslemani, Aisha Bilajac, Jude El Tayeb, Salim Alwan and Ghazi Rifi
Year Five - Abdul Raheem Muhammad, Amira Kabbout, Muhammad Arrfat, Omnia Abu El Hassan, Aalia Najafi and Ahmed Kandakji

Principal Award Recipients

KK - Malek Abduljabbar and Hala Mouslemani
KM - Jacob Obeid and Alina Karime
1A - Al Hussain Al Aliawy and Arabella Majzoub
1R - Ahmed Mohammed and Natalie Balout
1H - Taliyah Hawchar and Jibril Alwan
2W - Ibrahim Alshafie and Joumana Khalifa
2S - Karima Alshelhi and Rahaf Hassan
3A - Najiyah Khan and Noor Kfoury
3B - Sarim Aamir and Aliyah Kassem
3H - Mohammad Abduljabbar and Mohamad Al Boustani
4D - Iman Rifi and Lana Awad
4S - Enora Mehedy and Elhan Katovik
5I - Muhammad Khan and Noor Mouslemani
5K - Mohamad El-Zahab and Mariam Mallah

A big congratulations goes out to all the 2018 award recipients.



Kindy - Year 5 End of Year Award Ceremony - 2018



K-5 End of Year presentation 2018



K-5 End of Year Presentation 2018



K-5 End of Year Presentation 2018



K-5 End of Year presentation 2018

Term One 2019

Years Seven and Eleven Orientation Day 2019

Parents and students attended the orientation day conducted by the college principal Mr Alwan on 24 January. The orientation sessions aimed to clarify Al Amanah College expectations of its junior and senior students inclusive of student conduct, academic achievements and being a representative of Al Amanah College ethos.

The sessions focused on planning and organisational skills which are vital for success in Year Seven and HSC. Consistency in engagement with academic pursuits throughout studies provides essential knowledge and skills vital for academic excellence in the high school and HSC examinations in Year Twelve. Hence, the necessity of focused study throughout the academic year was emphasised by the college's principal.

Ongoing school and parent engagement regarding student conduct and academic progress was a key note message delivered by the college's principal. Parents were encouraged to use platforms such as Igloo and Dojo while students were reminded to strengthen their skills and consistency in harnessing platforms such as Moodle and Igloo build on their knowledge, skills and aptitudes.

The secondary school coordinator Mrs Dabboussi clarified details regarding the operation of high school in general. Emphasis was placed on NESA requirements for the award of HSC. The importance of time management in study and the practice of evaluation in better managing non-contact hours for study was also emphasised.

The students engaged in different activities to help them to become more familiar with each other and to build their self-esteem. Students were then informed about the various essential policies and procedures that they will need to know in order for a smooth transition into high school.

Both sessions finished with a Q and A session during which parents and students had the opportunity to ask questions about the topic discussed.

Al Amanah College wishes all families and their children a successful 2019!



Staff Development Days - Term One 2019

Teachers' Professional Development Day One

On Tuesday 29 January, our first staff development day session was held for the primary and high school teachers. The session was run by the principal Mr Alwan who addressed important issues relating to child protection, school procedures, staff code of conduct, teacher accreditation and the school plan. The day was a great success allowing teachers to prepare for the school year.



Primary Teachers' Professional Development Day Two

On Wednesday 30 January 2019, primary teachers participated in staff development day workshops focusing on reading strategies. Teachers were trained about how to implement effective guided reading sessions and had the opportunity to share teaching strategies to assist students excel in their reading.



Secondary Teachers' Professional Development Day Two

On Wednesday 30 January 2019, Al Amanah staff attended various professional development workshops which reinforced vision and school goals for all staff members.

At Al Amanah, professional development courses are a vital element in improving and sustaining quality of teaching and learning within our schools through collegial and collaborative partnerships with the NSW Association of Independent School (AIS). On Wednesday 30 January, Al Amanah high school teachers were given an opportunity to undertake a half day professional development workshop by an experienced AIS facilitator Deb de Riddler titled, "Visible Thinking." The staff thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and a follow-up evaluative workshop will be conducted in term two to see the progression and implementation of the core ideas into teaching practice.

In the afternoon, all Primary and High School Teachers attended a seminar with Learning Links which trained teachers on how to identify learning difficulties in students. Many insightful learnings for the teachers which will equip our teachers in identifying students at an early age.



2019 Welcome Back Assembly

Mr Alwan welcomed all students with a very informative assembly on the first day back to school.

The assembly included short Islamic advice, school vision and values, school formalities and 2019 important dates. Students were encouraged to approach Term One with confidence, focusing on their new learning experiences.

We wish all our students a happy and prosperous 2019!



Peer Support Training Programme

Year Ten Al Amanah College leaders have been actively participating in the 2019 peer support program. The programme is an integral part of the induction of Year Seven students into their life at this school. It focuses on developing communication skills, self-confidence and self esteem.

Better communication between all sectors of the school community - students, their peers, younger students, older students, teachers and parents/caregivers is an important goal for the stage school.

Al Amanah College has designed this Peer Support Programme to ease the students' transition from Year Six (primary) into Year Seven. Year Seven students have been actively participating in the programme and showing great enthusiasm towards their Year Ten leaders/mentors by learning and building important resilient and self-esteem skills.

A big *thankyou* goes out to Year Ten students for displaying excellent leadership skills and Year Seven for being well behaved throughout each session.



2019 Tea and Tissues

On Monday 4 February, Al Amanah College invited all our 2019 kindergarten parents to a 'Tea and Tissues' morning event to commemorate the beginning of our new students' school journey. This event provided the parents with the opportunity to celebrate their child's first day of kindergarten as well as offering a supportive environment to say goodbye. It was an exciting day for all! Each student had an opportunity to take a special photo with his/her proud parents before saying goodbye and being escorted to their classroom. There were many delicious refreshments and of course plenty of tissues for those who needed it! Parents also received a special gift from the school to help with the goodbye process and mark their child's first full day at Al Amanah College. Mrs El Hawat, Miss McGahey and Ms Rainis were very impressed with the bright smiles and hard work of all of our newest students. The new students' first day went smoothly and after a few days, we are very happy to see them handling school life so well. A special *thankyou* goes to the Year Six students who helped make the day such a success. We are looking forward to watching all of these students learn and grow. Exciting times are ahead!



Year Ten Principal Parent Information Session

The Year Ten Principal/Parent information session was held on Monday 11 February in the Grand Hall at Al Amanah College. The Principal Mr Alwan highlighted the following key messages during the event:

- ◆ College Expectations - Year Ten students are strongly encouraged to prioritise their academic achievements by implementing a goals-oriented study plan consistently throughout the year.
- ◆ Parent involvement - Parents and care givers play a vital role in facilitating the academic excellence of their children by consistently communicating with teachers executives regarding progress achieved by students and matters relating to behaviour when they arise.
- ◆ Communication Modes - There are a range of platforms of communication

inclusive of Class Dojo, Emails, SMS, pre-arranged face to face meetings and the use of phone calls. These need to be harnessed to better ensure the best possible academic outcome of students.

- ◆ Igloo – Investment into Igloo-a new platform of parent communication- will further strengthen communication between the school and home. Parents will be able to access real-time information such as attendance records, school events such as excursion details & incursions, student timetables as well as academic records pertaining to assessment tasks and learning tasks. Effective use of Igloo will further facilitate effective communication about student attainment.

Attendees were also delighted to learn about the scholarship programme to be offered to five students from the 2019 Year Eleven cohort. The scholarship has become an annual programme as of 2018 academic year. The 2018 Year Ten students will have an opportunity to benefit from the scholarship programme.

The parents, students and staff enjoyed having breakfast together during the session. The event concluded with Year Ten subject teachers and parents taking advantage of the opportunity to discuss student academic progress.

The executive staff and teachers look forward to building a stronger involvement of parents to maximise student success at Al Amanah College.



Principal /Senior Student/Parent Breakfast 2019

Al Amanah College Liverpool Campus Principal Mr. Ayman Alwan hosted the Stage Six parent and student breakfast in the Grand Hall at Liverpool campus on Tuesday 12 February. The initiative aims to build and strengthen ongoing school and home communication and parent involvement in ensuring senior students at Al Amanah College attain excellence in their studies in Year Eleven and HSC courses.

The Campus Principal Mr Alwan provided information on course requirements and details of assessment in the new HSC course introduced by NESA in 2018. The 2019 Year 12 students will be the first cohort to undertake the HSC Examination in the new course. As such, it is vital that all stakeholders involved in celebrating the success of Al Amanah senior students perform

excellence in their final year's of schooling are clearly aware of the course and assessment requirements inherent in the new HSC course.

Mr Alwan highlighted the support students at Al Amanah are provided with to facilitate their achievements at universities. This includes goal setting, resilience and commitment to academic pursuits. Parental engagement to facilitate success in HSC was emphasised by the college principal so that the senior students are in a position to achieve outstanding results in the HSC.

The Secondary School Coordinator Mrs Dabboussi provided information on the HSC course structure and study with emphasis on independence in learning and resilience. Parents and

students were also presented with details on various opportunities senior students are provided with at Al Amanah in terms of guidance for study, entry in university and engagement with learning on a day to day basis.

The Secondary School Curriculum Coordinator Mrs Kassem provided information on the technicalities involved in determination of final HSC mark for each course by NESA. Mrs Kassem also clarified the process through which ATAR is calculated.

Al Amanah College looks forward to working collaboratively with all parents and caregivers to enhance the learning experiences of all our senior students and their success in the HSC.



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SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY

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2pm SHOWS START

Women's Life EXPO
SEASON 2
2019

Health Garden Home Lifestyle

Show: Product: Activities: Guest Visits:

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To all community members;

We are proud to announce officially the launch of Liverpool Spears Sports Club for the 2019 soccer season. Liverpool Spears Sports Club is committed to long-term player development in both recreational and competitive programs while cultivating a lifelong passion for the game.

We are proudly introducing the \$100 rebate to all junior players. All new players will receive a Jersey, Shorts, Socks, Sports bag, Water bottle and a Cap.

Please join us on our open day for a free family community BBQ and registration.

Open Day: Saturday 23 February from 11am until 2pm.

Address: Whitlam Park 2, 93 John St Busby.

For more information, please call 0424 486 371 or 0416 490 390.

Please like our Facebook page for the latest news and updates, fb.me/LiverpoolSpearsSportsClub

Regards

On behalf of Liverpool Spears Sports Club

Ten-Day Lunch Box Menu

Below are a few healthy lunch box ideas to inspire you year-round. We always recommend thinking of each lunch box in terms of the five food groups and making sure they're all represented:

- **Dairy:** the foods in this group are excellent sources of calcium, which is important for strong, healthy bones. Not many other foods in our diet contain as much calcium as dairy foods.
- **Fruit:** fruit provides vitamins, minerals, dietary fibre and many phytonutrients (nutrients naturally present in plants), that help your body stay healthy.
- **Grain (cereal) foods:** always choose whole grain and/or high fibre varieties of breads, cereals, rice, pasta, noodles, etc. Refined grain products (such as cakes or biscuits) can be high in added sugar, fat and sodium.
- **Lean meats and poultry, fish, eggs, tofu, nuts and seeds:** our body uses the protein we eat to make specialised chemicals such as haemoglobin and adrenalin. Protein also builds, maintains, and repairs the tissues in our body. Muscles and organs (such as your heart) are made of protein.
- **Vegetables, legumes and beans:** vegetables should make up a large part of your daily food intake and should be encouraged at every meal (including snack times). They provide vitamins, minerals, dietary fibre and phytonutrients (nutrients naturally present in plants) to help your body stay healthy.



Double decker sandwich



Sushi bread sandwich



Corn fritters with Turkey slices



Pikelet lunch served with hard boiled egg



Mini wrap rolls



Junior school wrap



Egg salad roll on a wholemeal bread



Pasta salad work!



Turkey salad Sandwich



Turkey salad wrap

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