

AL AMANAH COLLEGE

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Message from the Principal's Office

الحمد لله رب العالمين والصلاة والسلام على سيدنا محمد طه الأمين وعلى آله وأصحابه الطيبين الطاهرين. أما بعد،
جناب الأهالي الكرام ...

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

Praise and thanks are due to our exalted God 'ALLAH' the lord of the worlds, the one who decreed all what happens in the universe and the one with whom we seek protection, sustenance and guidance. We ask him to enlighten our hearts with the knowledge of the holy Qura'n and all types of beneficial education and learning. May Allah raise the rank of our prophet Muhammad peace and blessing be upon him and protect his nation from that which he fears for it.

This week marks the end of Term Two. It has been a very busy term for teachers, students and of course parents and carers.

The secondary school mid-year exams commenced Wednesday 27 June and will be concluded on Thursday 4 July. Teachers will be announcing marks to the students during the first two weeks of Term Three and go over the exams during class. It is very

important for students to take notes about the areas in which they identified a weakness. Some parents can be anxious about their child's result in a particular exam and would like immediate feedback from the teacher. I ask that, unless absolutely necessary, you wait until the reports are issued at beginning of Term Three so you get a full picture of how your child is progressing in a particular subject. You can also make use of the secondary parent/teachers interviews which will be held in week two of Term Three. Mid-year reports will be given to parents during the interviews.



Primary parent/teacher interviews were held on 2 and 3 July 2019. We thank all parents who attended these interviews and for being active with the child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Ayman Alwan
Principal

Dates to Remember

FRIDAY 5 JULY

Last Day of Term Two

MONDAY 22 July

PUPIL FREE DAY

TUESDAY 23 JULY

Term Three Begins

TUESDAY 23 - TUESDAY 30 JULY

Year Twelve Trials One Commence

WEDNESDAY 24 JULY

Year Three - Eleven Entrance Examinations

TUESDAY 30 JULY

Secondary Parent/Teacher Night

WEDNESDAY 31 JULY AND THURSDAY 1 AUGUST

Kindergarten Entrance Examinations

FRIDAY 2 AUGUST

Year One and Three Entrance Examinations

WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST

Eid Ul-Adha Fete

MONDAY 19 - FRIDAY 23 AUGUST

Primary School Book Week

MONDAY 19 - FRIDAY 30 AUGUST

Year Twelve Trials Two Commence

THURSDAY 29 AUGUST

Primary School Book Week Parade

THURSDAY 5 - FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Year Eleven Examinations

الأحاديث الأسبوعية

Hadiths of the Week



قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: من قام ليلة القدر إيماناً واحتساباً غُفِرَ لَهُ ما تَقَدَّمَ من ذَنْبِهِ
رواه البخاري

Which means:
"Whoever spends the Night of Qadr in acts of worship in faith and in seeking reward from Allah, One's past minor sins will be forgiven"
(Related by al-Bukhariyy)

T2 WK5

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "الشتاء ربيع المؤمن قَصُرَ نَهَارُهُ فَصَامَهُ وَطَالَ لَيْلُهُ فَقَامَهُ"
رواه البيهقي

Which means:
"Winter is the season of blossom for the believers; one spends its long nights praying and its short days fasting"

T2 WK8

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ وَأَتْبَعَهُ سِتًّا مِنْ شَوَّالٍ كَانَ كَصِيَامِ الدَّهْرِ"
رواه مسلم

30 DAYS RAMADAN + 6 DAYS SHAWWAL = 1 YEAR

Whoever fasts the month of Ramadan then he follows it with fasting six days of Shawwal, would almost be as if he fasted a full year.

T2 WK6&7

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: اغْتَنِمِ شَبَابَكَ قَبْلَ هَرَمِكَ
رواه الإمام أحمد

T2 WK10

"Make the most of **your youth** before you become **old**"

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: {مَنْ لَا يَرْحَمُ لَا يَرْحَمُ} رَوَاهُ الْبُخَارِيُّ

Which means: "He who has no mercy towards others, will receive no mercy from Allah"

وتواصوا بالرحمة

T2 WK9

Year Six and SRC Iftar Dinner

Al Amanah College, Liverpool Campus held its 2019 Iftar Dinner on Thursday 23 May for Year Six students and SRC members and their families. It was a night filled with enjoyment.

Staff members, students and their families gathered to celebrate the month of Ramadan and break their fast together.

The programme started with a recitation from the holy Qur'an by Hafeth Sheikh Abdulhamid Al-Azhary. Mr El Dana - the school's Head Principal welcomed and congratulated all attendees on this great occasion and gave an insightful speech in which he spoke about the importance of community bonds especially during the holy month of Ramadan. ICPA President, Mr Mehio also delivered a speech thanking the community for their support in making Al Amanah a success and spoke about the importance of establishing schools such as Al Amanah College.

This was followed with an enlightening Islamic lecture delivered by Sheikh Al Shafie. His speech focused on the importance of learning the correct religious knowledge and spreading it, and it also focused on Islamic matters relating to the holy month of Ramadan.

In conclusion, the school's chanting band entrained us with lovely Anasheed about Ramadan.

We would like to thank all the ICPA Volunteers who put in a lot of effort in making this Iftar dinner night a great success.

We extend our best wishes to our families and the Muslim community and wish them all Ramadan Mubarak and a happy and prosperous Eid Ul-Fitr.



SRC and Senior Students Iftar Dinner

Al Amanah College, Liverpool Campus held its 2019 Iftar Dinner on Thursday 30 May for Years Ten, Eleven, Twelve, SRC members and their families. It was a night filled with enjoyment. Staff members, students and their families gathered to celebrate the month of Ramadan and break their fast together.

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Amity Student Leaders Iftar Dinner

On behalf of Al Amanah College, the High School SRC coordinators Miss Baker and Miss Ech, alongside the Year Eleven and Twelve senior captains and vice-captains attended Amity College for an annual Student Leaders Iftar dinner. This was an initiative where the students were able to meet and liaise with other school leaders from the Liverpool and adjacent districts. They were able to gain a greater insight into the effectiveness of various programmes in other schools and to be able to adopt similar projects for the betterment of the school community. The students had an enjoyable and sociable experience meeting student from diverse cultures and sharing their common interests in educational studies.



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Best Dressed Abaya Competition

Every Friday during the holy month of Ramadan, Al Amanah students were given the opportunity to dress up in Abayas and be voted by their peers for the best dressed Abaya from each class. The initiative of the 'best dressed Abaya' is to represent our Islamic heritage and to follow the traditions of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (May blessings and peace be upon him). Throughout this month a lot of students participated in the competition and proudly wore Abayas.

The winners were announced during the Ramadan competition assembly.



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Primary School Ramadan Annual Competition 1440H

Primary students of Al Amanah College, Liverpool had the opportunity to participate in the annual Ramadan Competition. Students were welcomed on the day with a beautiful recitation of the holy Qur'an by Mohamad El-Zahab. The Ramadan Competition is organised each year by our dedicated Arabic and Religion staff to celebrate the glorious occasion of Ramadan.

Students from K - 6 were given the opportunity to memorise and recite verses from the holy Qur'an. It was pleasing to see many students from primary participate. Many students were recognised for their fantastic recitation, taking home monetary prizes to congratulate their efforts. Students who achieved first, second or third place were awarded with prizes. All students who participated in the competition received a certificate of participation.

Each year, primary classes join in the celebration and decorate their classroom to highlight the Holy month of Ramadan. Congratulations to 3E who won 'best-decorated classroom.' *Thankyou* to all the students who took the opportunity to decorate their workspaces as well.

One particular event that was highlighted this year was the fantastic posters that were submitted as part of the poster competition. Congratulations to Aisha Rajab from 3H who won the best poster award. We thank students and their families for coming together and creating these amazing posters.

Thankyou to all the students who participated in the competition and we look forward to another fantastic competition next year.

Congratulations to the first, second and third place winners:

Kindy	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
1 st place - Sarah Khalifa	1 st place - Jibril Alwan	1 st place - Mariah Bandar	1 st place - Bakr El-Zahab
2 nd place - Jibril Kahil	2 nd place- Arabella Majzoub	2 nd place - Sama Khashashneh	2 nd place - Aya Elfaki
3 rd place - Mohammad Noun	3 rd place - Lujain Almzayyen	3 rd place - Najiyah Khan	3 rd place - Muhammad Khan
Year 1	Year 3	Year 5	
1 st place - Abdulrahman Ghannoum	1 st place - Ibrahim Alshafie	1 st place - Ruqayah El Omari	
2 nd place - Rowa Kahil	2 nd place- Bilal Hallak	2 nd place - Zaara Yasir	
3 rd place - Rehab Al Badri	3 rd place - Karima Alshelh	3 rd place - Jude Eltayeb	



مسابقة رمضان المبارك لهذا العام 1440 للهجرة

الحمد لله مُجدد الأعوام عامًا بعد عام، وتبارك الله الملكُ العلام ، والصلاة والسلام على سيدنا محمد سيد الأنام ومصباح الظلام وعلى عاله وأصحابه صلاة وسلامًا دامين على مر الدهور والأيام.

وحرصًا منا على تعليم طلابنا الأعراف اللغة العربية والأمور الدينية وقراءة القرآن الكريم وحفظ المتون الشرعية أقامت كلية الأمانة احتفالاً لتوزيع الجوائز على الفائزين والمشاركين في مسابقة رمضان المبارك لهذا العام 1440 للهجرة، وقد تخلل هذا الاحتفال قراءة للقرآن الكريم تلاها علينا الطالب بكر الذهب، وكلمة لمدير المدرسة الحاج أيمن علوان، وكلمة لفضيلة الشيخ محمد حلبي عن الصيام وحول المناسبة ومن بعدها تم توزيع الهدايا على المشاركين والفائزين في المسابقة على النحو التالي:



الطالبة عائشة رجب بأجمل لوحة عن رمضان
والصف 3E بأجمل صف من حيث الزينة والمجهود

هذا وقد فاز في مسابقة رمضان عن الصف:

الثالث

كريمة الشلح
بلال حلاق
ابراهيم الشافعي

الثاني

لجين المزين
أرييلا مجذوب
جبريل علوان

الأول

رحاب البديري
روعة كحيل
عبد الرحمن غنوم

الروضة

محمد نون
جبريل كحيل
سارة خليفة

المرتببة

الثالثة
الثانية
الأولى

السادس

بكر الذهب
ءاية الفاكي
محمد خان

الخامس

جود الطيب
زارا يسير
رقية العمري

الرابع

ناجية خان
سما خشاشنة
ماريا البندر

المرتببة

الثالثة
الثانية
الأولى

كرمت إدارة المدرسة الطالبة
لجين المزين من الصف الثاني
لتميزها في إلقاء القصائد في
المناسبات الدينية المختلفة.





Star Student of the Week



K - 1					2 - 6				
Week 5	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 5	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Amaan Katovik	Eleena Eid	Madinah Ejje	Dina Kamand	Sayhan Islam	Omnia Abu Elhassan	Mohamad Al Moustani	Mohammad Abduljabbar	Hana Katovik	Zoha Nazim
KM	1K	KM	KH	KR	6W	4S	4D	3H	2C



شارك مجموعة من طلاب الصف السادس في كتابة مقالات مختلفة عن مواضيع عديدة مستخدمين ما تعلموه في صف اللغة العربية من مهارات للتعبير والكتابة.

إشراف المعلمة زينا دمياطي



Year Five Geography Excursion

On Tuesday 11 June, Year Five had the opportunity to visit the MacArthur Centre for Sustainability located in the Mt Annan region. Students were immersed in the variety of workshops and activities on the day, focusing on how we can create a sustainable environment for future generations, along with altering our day-to-day practices to become environmentally aware. The main aim of the MacArthur Centre is to inspire individuals and create awareness, making them environmentally responsible. Year Five participated in activities that involved looking at meal worms, composting, planting, recycling and water filtration. We look forward to seeing students adopt these new skills in their households and showing gratitude to the environment we have around us.

Mr Jamleoui and Miss Siddiq



Year Six Bike Safety Excursion

What a fantastic day!!! Year Six had a fabulous day learning about bike helmet and pedestrian safety at the Campbelltown Bike Safety Centre.

The day was full of excitement as students rode their bikes around a designated track and had an opportunity to hold a license whilst they followed the road rules.

Part of the programme was to educate students about hazards and risks on the road and how rules can affect their everyday lives. Students also had an opportunity to ride during a 'Double Demerits' blitz as both teachers and parents ensured they were riding their bikes according to the rules.

We would like to give a special thanks to Mr Kanj for helping out on the day.

Year Six Teachers



Year Six Science



During Term Two we have been studying the effect of heat on yeast. Students learned that yeast are single-celled microorganisms that are classified along with moulds, the mushrooms, as members of the kingdom fungi. We have conducted a range of experiments using yeast and observed specific changes.

Both classes wrote a procedure and made bread. We learnt that the yeast organism expel carbon dioxide as they feed off sugars. As the dough rises and proofs, carbon dioxide is formed; this is why the dough volume increases. The carbon dioxide expands and moves as the bread dough warms and bakes in the oven. The bread rises and sets.

Everyone participated in such a positive and safe manner. Well done Year Six!

Year Six Teachers

SRC Meeting with the Principal

On Tuesday 25 June, the Student Representative Council (SRC) of 2019, who is playing an important and active role in the school community, had a meeting with the principal.

The SRC works as an advocate for the needs of the school community, and as a point of contact between the student body and the school. This is effectively achieved through primary and secondary students attending a morning meeting with the college principal Mr Alwan.

The main objective of the meeting was for both Primary and Secondary SRC to provide a termly overview of the various activities the SRC has been actively involved in and to deliver important suggestions from their cohort about implementing new initiatives within the school.

This meeting was highly successful and we have some exciting upcoming community-based events and initiatives.



Year Three Botanical Gardens Excursion



On Tuesday 25 June, Year Three students visited the Botanical Gardens for a mini beats excursion where they explored the amazing world of invertebrates. They learnt how the environment provides for the needs of all living things, investigated different habitats, observed Mini Beats and discussed their similarities, differences, features and special adaptations. They all had a wonderful time learning.

Thankyou to all our parent helpers, your assistance is vey much appreciated. We had a fantastic day!

Year Three Teachers



Secondary School Annual Ramadan Competition Celebration

On Monday 3 June 2019, Al Amanah secondary school students celebrated the glorious month of Ramadan which commemorates a month fasting and practising many acts of Obedience in this blessed month.

The Ramadan celebration was marked with a beautiful recitation from the Holy Qur'an from a talented Year Ten student Muhammad Ayman Alwan. This was preceded with the school principal Mr Alwan's recognition of Ramadan being a blessed month that should be dedicated to performing many acts of obedience and gaining rewards for the sake of Allah.

Year Eleven student Muhammad Salim Alwan provided an insightful Islamic lesson about the blessing of the Laylat al Qadr (The Night of Greatness). He emphasised the meaning of every verse in Surat

Al Qadr and how the night is full of safety, goodness and blessings for the obedient believer until the dawn-break. It was a beautiful and enlightening Islamic lesson.

The most anticipated event of the celebration was the announcements of the Ramadan Competition for memorisation of the Quran and the beliefs and integrals of fasting. The competition was split into two main components including the major and minor competition. The winners of the minor competition included Maysa El Masri, Ahmad Dafalla, Adam Khashashneh, Ahmad El-Saj, Nour Al Kasem, Omar Alwan, Hassan Ibrahim, Mohamad El Masri, Zakaria Abdallah, Abu Bakar Abdullah, Ibrahim El Sayed, Shams Khashashneh and Fatima El Cheikh and

each winner was presented with \$20.

The top five place winners of the major competition included:

- 1st prize: Muhammad Salim Alwan
- 2nd Place: Alae Jamous
- 3rd Place: Muhammad Ayman Alwan
- Equal 4th Place: Bilal El Omari and Halima El-Zahab
- 5th place: Shorooq Khashashneh

This was preceded by Year Twelve student and school Captain Princess Zahab announcing the highly anticipated best Ramadan poster competition, best dressed competition, and the best decorated classroom competition. Congratulations to all the award recipients and everyone who participated in the various competitions.



Year Twelve Annual Iftar Dinner

The Year Twelve Annual Iftar Dinner was held on Monday, June 3 at the Armani Restaurant in Parramatta. Staff and Year Twelve students broke their fast with a delightful buffet including an array of delicious dishes, thanks to the wonderful chef at the restaurant.

After Magrib prayer the students and teachers indulged in mouth-watering delights in a relaxed Arabian themed atmosphere. The dessert hit was much needed, while the students spent quality time together.



Year Nine History Excursion

On Tuesday 11 June, Year Nine History students embarked on an exciting and fun-filled excursion to the Justice and Police Museum. The excursion allowed the students to develop their skills in historical research and critical thinking and their appreciation of history as study of human experience. Students were asked to investigate, as historians, the infamous Pyjama Girl Historical mystery by examining evidence from various primary and secondary sources.

The students watched a film made in 1939, which outlines the facts of the case. Then, using other documentary evidence, students evaluated the film's reliability as a source for their inquiries and discussed perspectives presented by the media of the time. Students were able to explore, examine and evaluate artefacts and documents relating to the case including forensic evidence found during the criminal investigation to pursue a historical inquiry.

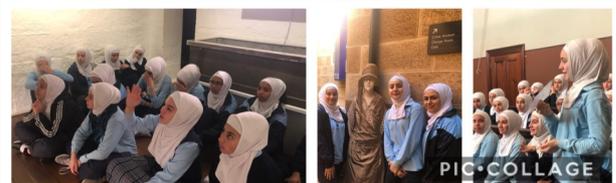
To conclude, students took part in a recreation in the museum's courtroom of the 1944 murder trial of Antonio Agostini. Using their knowledge of the case, as well as an understanding of the historical context, students deduced their own conclusions about the surprising legal outcome.



Year 9 History Excursion



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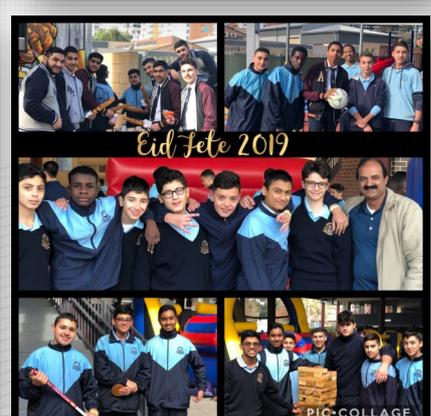


Al Amanah College Eid Ul-Fitr Fete

On the blessed occasion of Eid Ul-Fitr, Al Amanah primary and secondary students celebrated the glorious event on Wednesday 12 June with a fun-filled Eid fete. The day consisted of many rides and activities including the bouncing boxing, velcro wall, jumping castles, the Roman pole joust and the obstacle course. In order to keep the energy levels up and to satisfy their sweet tooth, students enjoyed the variety of Krispy Kreme donuts, lollies, ice cream and slurpees. The highlight and the most popular food items were the 'Potato-on-a-stick' and the BBQ which entailed delicious meat, kafta and chicken sandwiches.

After a half-day filled with excitement, high school students, teachers and parents were invited to attend an Eid Ul-Fitr Islamic celebration in the Grand Hall. The event was marked with a beautiful recitation from the Holy Quran, a religious lesson by Shaikh Amr Alshleh titled 'Refuting a misconception' and a lovely Anasheed by the very talented Al Amanah College chanting band.

Thankyou to all the dedicated students and teachers who made the day a success. A big *thankyou* for all the hard effort and dedication by the ICPA scout volunteers and the parent volunteers in making this day a memorable one.



NRL Gala Day

On Wednesday 12 June, High School girls represented Al Amanah College in the West Secondary Girls Gala Day held at the Eschol Park Sporting Complex.

It was a cold and sunny winter day for playing Rugby League! Our squad displayed great sportsmanship, teamwork and cooperation throughout the four games played. This tremendous attitude was also evident throughout the many Physical Education sessions at school. It was pleasing to see students playing the game for the first time in a competitive format.

Each game was fifteen minutes in duration and we came up against some very challenging opposition. The participating schools included Ashcroft, Leumeah, Lurnea and Macquarie Fields. We had some memorable moments in each of the games including the spectacular tries that were scored and the great defensive efforts.

The players learnt some attacking moves, and to display attributes of kindness to the opposition teams, the referee and each other. The girls won a few games placing them third in the competition.

Most importantly, they learnt many new skills and really bonded together as a team.

Miss Kabbara
Sports Coordinator



ATO Incursion



The Australian Tax Office incursion was an event for our Year Nine - Twelve students. As our students may start part-time and casual work it is necessary that the school to prepare them for the real world. The purpose of these sessions was to give student insight on and a basic understanding of:

- why we pay tax
- what a tax file number is and how to get one
- declaring your tax file number to your employer
- Superannuation – or “Super”
- what a tax return is and how to lodge a claim and the importance of protecting their TFN

Students found it very beneficial, it gave them a basic idea of what they need to do before they start any employment and how the tax system works in Australia. It was a great session that was enjoyed by the students.

Mr Dghaich
Maths Department

Year Ten Subject Selection Session

Year Ten student and parent's subject selection session was held on 13 June 2019. The information session provided parents and students with information pertaining to the transition of 2019 Year Ten students to senior school in 2020. The College principal Mr Ayman Alwan welcomed and addressed the parents and guests for attending the information session.

The high school coordinator, Mrs Dabboussi, highlighted the importance of Year Ten students successfully completing their HSC all my work program with NESAs in order for students in senior years clearly understand and appreciate the requirements involved in undertaking assessments of learning in the Year Eleven and Year Twelve courses. Work experience in Year Ten, co-training and mock interviews programme details were elaborated upon to highlight the initiatives undertaken by the college to develop Year Ten communication skills necessary for not only studies in the stage six courses but also for the job market should students seek part-time employment while completing their senior years of schooling.

The curriculum coordinator, Mrs Kassem, provided attendees with information to help students and parents make wise decisions regarding course selection in Year Eleven. Students were encouraged to think about career aspirations in the long term while making their subject selections for studies in 2020 keeping in mind the job market of the future. Assessments in the senior school and the process of grading (internal assessment, HSC assessment and ATAR) was also highlighted by Mrs Kassem, so that parents and students understand the importance of planning and goal setting in schooling.

The session concluded with parent/teacher meeting which further strengthens communication between the college and the community. Attendance to information sessions undertaken by Al Amanah aim to facilitate effective communication with parents and students so that the college is in a position to enable the achievement of the best outcomes of students.



Year 10 Subject Selection Session

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SRC Leadership Seminar Two



SRC Leadership Seminar #2



The Liverpool campus primary and secondary SRC students and their respective families were invited to attend the second SRC Leadership Seminar on 14 June 2019.

Imam Shaykh Amr Alshelh Al-Azhary who provided the parents and SRC students with important religious insight on the qualities and characteristics of being a leader and a role model within the school and wider community. Imam Alshelh gave many scenarios as to how we should treat others no matter how we are being treated. How we should treat our parents, teachers, friends, neighbours and the general public. Imam Alshelh also emphasized on the importance of friendship and warned from the dangers of evil friends. Hence it is important to follow in the path of the significant Islamic figures and display the best of characteristics in order to provide an ongoing leadership commitment within the school community. The students thoroughly enjoyed the lesson. May Allah reward the SRC students for their dedication and commitment towards the betterment of the school community.

After the seminar, Imam Alshelh listened to some of the parents' concerns and feedback while enjoying some light refreshments.

We are looking forward to Seminar #3 that will be held during Term Three. We hope to see more parents at these events insha'Allah.

Year Eleven PDHPE Excursion

On Tuesday 18 June 2019 the Year Eleven PDHPE class were warmly welcomed by the University of Sydney, where we gained an insightful experience explaining the wonders of the human body. Taken aback by the preservation of these dissected organs, we took full advantage of this experience by asking Professor Robinson first hand questions pertaining to the human body and reviewing the technological applications available for our learning. The morning was shortly followed by an enlightening tour of the Sydney campus which allowed us to visualise our goals and encouraged us, as Year Eleven preliminary students, to work further towards a successful life after high school.

We then returned to school embodying the essence of the day and thanked Ms Kabbara along with the Medicinal Faculty of USYD for organising such a fulfilling experience.

Nada Khaled
Year Eleven Student



Year 11 PDHPE EXCURSION

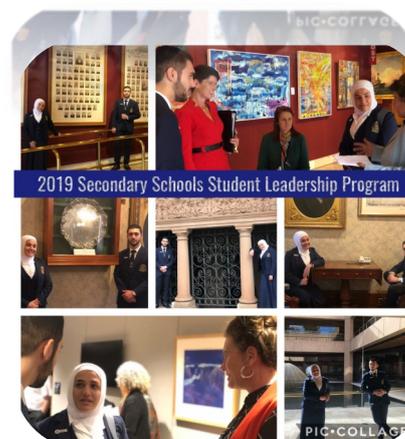


2019 Secondary Schools Student Leadership Programme

Year Twelve School Captains Bahaa Al Kasem and Princess Zahab alongside SRC coordinator Miss Baker represented Al Amanah College amongst the 150 student leaders and teachers who were invited to attend the 2019 Secondary Schools Student Leadership Programme. The aim of the Civics and Citizenship programme offered the Year Twelve student leaders the opportunity to develop their knowledge of system of government, parliamentary proceedings and the role of the Governor.

The programme started with an opening statement and discussion by various NSW Liberal, Labor and independent political ministers about their leadership positions and their roles as either cabinet or shadow ministers. The NSW Political ministers collectively provided a central message to the aspiring student leaders of the characteristics of what constitutes a good leader. These attributes included communication, listening to others, be kind, caring, passionate and to take upon the opportunities presented to them to ensure they make a difference to the school and wider community.

The students were given an opportunity to visit the public galleries of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council Chambers where they were able to watch a live sitting and debate of the Budget reply in relation to the Ageing and Disability Commissioner Bill 2019. This was preceded with a guided tour of Government House and whereby they met and liaised with His Excellency, General David Hurley the Governor of New South Wales. To conclude the Labor minister for Lakemba Jihad Dib provided and reinforced a strong message that 'Students leaders can formulate and shape the modern Australian story'.



Year Seven Geography Excursion

On Thursday June 20, the Year Seven students embarked on a fieldwork excursion to Warragamba Dam as part of their study on the unit Water in the World. The students investigated where our drinking water comes from and carried out water testing experiments to test water from different areas of the catchment. They also had the opportunity to venture down to the central spillway of the dam to witness the enormity of the dam and the large concrete blocks that make up the structure. It was fascinating to see the water level of the dam as it is only 50% full and the students were informed of how important it is for all of us to follow the stage one water restrictions currently implemented in Sydney.

Overall, it was a very informative experience as the students were able to appreciate and realise the value of water and how effortless our access to water is compared to other places in the world.

Miss Ech



Year Nine STEM Excursion



YEAR 9 STEM EXCURSION



The Year Nine STEM students attended a STEM workshop at The University of Technology Sydney (UTS) on Tuesday 25 June 2019. The Students were very excited to see how STEM works outside the classroom and were given the opportunity to interact and liaise with other students from various schools on the day.

Students had the opportunity to experience different activities from looking into the world of prosthetics (engineering), programming robots, collaborating with other students to come up with ideas on preventing and controlling bush fires, diving into the world of science from microbiology and physiology to forensics and physics.

Students were very impressed with the activities, and it showed them a new perspective on learning and collaborating. It was great for them to engage and discuss solutions to problems with students from other schools.



YEAR 9 STEM EXCURSION



Careers Expo 2019

The Year Eleven and Twelve cohorts attended the 2019 Western Sydney Careers Expo at Sydney Olympic Park on Thursday 27 June 2019. The senior student participation is aimed at providing opportunities for our senior students to explore careers and study options post HSC. The following business and tertiary educational institutions were the exhibitors:

- Universities
- Employers and Employment Services
- Career counsellors and advisers
- Organisations with apprenticeship information and opportunities

In addition to the exhibitions there were numerous seminars organised by NESA, Reserve Bank of Australia and other multinational companies. Students attended seminars in subjects such as English, Maths and Economics which provide invaluable information on study tips, exam techniques and careers.

Student participation in Careers Expo help prepare students make informed decisions about the following:

1. Diversity in undergraduate degree course
2. Nature of learning across various faculties in university
3. Scholarship opportunities
4. Special entry requirements in courses such as medicine

Student engagement in university information sessions also aims to encourage the stage Six students to better appreciate the vital need to plan and implement effective study plans in order to attain the ATAR requirements in competitive courses. The senior students at Al Amanah College have gained a valuable insightful about various careers and thoroughly enjoyed the excursion.

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Stage Six Coordinator



Careers Expo 2019



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In the Backyard

Children love to play and the backyard, courtyard or local park are great places to learn, explore, make up games and have fun. Backyard games can be inventive and encourage sustained concentration and application by kids.

Backyard games do not have to be complicated or expensive – a bit of chalk, a ball or a skipping rope can all get a game underway. Playing in the backyard also allows children to be noisy and messy, physically challenge themselves and move in ways that are not possible indoors.

Try these popular games

- Hide and seek
- Skipping
- Hopscotch
- Throwing and catching games, like knocking down a target
- Chasing games, like tag and stuck in the mud
- Racquet games against a wall
- French cricket or backyard cricket
- Running and jumping

Staying safe

- Slip, Slop Slap, Seek, Slide – make sure your child wears sunscreen, sun glasses, clothing and a hat to protect him/her from the sun. Play in the shade when you can.
- Being active means children will need extra fluids, especially if it is hot and humid. Make sure they have regular drinks of water while they are playing.



Tips for backyard games

- Check your backyard, courtyard or park and remove or block off unsafe areas
- Let your children explore and make up their own activities and rules – try not to interfere
- It is more fun if your child has a friend or two (or you) to play with
- Focus on what your child can do, not what they can not
- Make active play fun and positive
- Be patient and provide plenty of time for your children to practise movements

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