

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;

Welcome to our 2019 November newsletter. In this edition we continue to share with you the achievements of our students, as well as provide you with some important information about the start of the 2020 school year.

Term Four always seems to be very busy and this year has been no exception. The Mawlid celebration was a great success. Students enjoyed celebrating this great occasion and I thank all staff members for making this event a successful one. The successes and achievements that our students enjoy would not be possible without the partnership between the school and home. Thank you to our parents and caregivers for your ongoing support of Al Amanah College. We value it and look forward to continue working alongside to help and support your child in 2020.

Our Years Ten and Six students will be respectively farewelled on Friday 29 November and on Monday 9 December. These events will be held at the Liverpool campus and are always memorable for the students and their parents. The Year Six students attended an open day at the high school section to allow them to become familiar with the high school.

We hosted our annual Kindy Orientation for our 2020 Kindergarten students. Session dates were as follows; Tuesdays 5, 12 and 19 November from 9:00am - 10:30am. These sessions give students the opportunity to interact with peers and engage in fun Kindy activities. Parents attended workshops to familiarise themselves with general school information and procedures, literacy and numeracy sessions and ideas for healthy lunch boxes.

Students from Al Amanah College achieved outstanding results in ICAS this year. Those students

whose achievements were outstanding were rewarded with certificates of Merit, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction. ICAS are developed for students in Years Two to Twelve and are sat for annually. Each ICAS test is designed to assess students' academic ability in aspects of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling, Writing and NAPLAN session.

A general reminder to all parents on the importance of packing a healthy lunchbox. Health problems related to poor choice of food is common in our society. Too many Australian children are overweight, and have health problems related to diet. To help children develop healthy eating habits and become more responsible in making the right food choices, the school prohibits take away food such as McDonald's or the like.

On a final note, student reports will be issued during our Parent/Teacher interviews (primary) and End of Year Presentation Ceremonies (secondary), scheduled for weeks eight and nine this term. Teachers will discuss your child's academic results and present their class assessments in their individual portfolios. It is very important that parents book an appointment to see the classroom teacher when forms are distributed to avoid missing out.

I also extend my sincere thanks to the teaching and support staff at Al Amanah College, who throughout this year, have worked together to provide Al Amanah students with good teaching and learning programmes.

Regards,

Ayman Alwan
Principal



Dates to Remember

WEDNESDAY 20 - WEDNESDAY 27
NOVEMBER

Year 7 - 9 Yearly Examinations

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Year 10 Graduation
9am - 11am

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER

Gold Awards Excursion

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER

Year 6 Luna Park Excursion

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER

Year 7 - 9 End of Year Ceremony
9am - 11am

MONDAY 9 DECEMBER

Year 6 Graduation
9am - 11am

TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER

Year K - 5 End of Year Ceremony
9am - 12pm

THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER

Religion Awards Excursion

THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2020

Year 7 & 11 Orientation Day
9am - 11:30am

THURSDAY 30 JANUARY

Term One Starts

Mawlid BBQ Lunch

On Wednesday 13 November 2019, Al Amanah College held a Mawlid BBQ lunch for all primary and secondary Al Amanah students. The Mawlid BBQ was to commemorate the glorious occasion of the birth of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). This blessed occasion is celebrated by Muslims all around the world and it was with great pleasure that we were celebrating this event in Australia and at Al Amanah College with all the students from K-12. The students enjoyed spending the time together on such a blessed occasion. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students and families a Mawlid Mubarak!

فرحاً بولادة النبي الأعظم محمد عليه أفضل الصلاة والسلام، وترسيخاً لحبه في قلوب طلابنا الأعزاء.

أقامت مدرسة الأمانة الإسلامية فرع ليفربول حفلة شواء بهذه المناسبة الكريمة في هذا الشهر الكريم شهر المولد الشريف ربيع الأول لجميع طلابها من جميع المراحل الدراسية، وقد شارك الجهاز الإداري والتعليمي كاملاً الطلاب بهذه المناسبة وعم الفرح والسرور في قلوب الجميع.

أعاد الله هذه الذكرى العظيمة علينا بالخير واليمن والبركة، وتقبل الله منا ومنكم صالح الأعمال وكل عام وأنتم بخير.

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Mawlid Celebration 1441h

On Friday 15 November 2019, Al Amanah College students, teachers and parents gathered to commemorate the great occasion of the birth of the best of all creations - our master Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings upon him). The Mawlid is a blissful event during which Muslims gather to thank Allah for sending Prophet Muhammad, (peace be upon him). The Muslims commemorate this event repeatedly every year during the month of Rabe' al'Awwal and in particular on 11 Rabe' 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 was officially opened with the Year Twelve MC students, Walid Dabboussi and Muhammad Salim Alwan. The occasion was marked with a beautiful recitation from the Holy Qur'an from a talented Year Twelve student Bilal El Omari. This was preceded with a truly inspiring poetry and chanting performance by the Primary chanting band. The Mawlid celebration was sparked by a grand entrance led by the school Principal Mr Ayman Alwan carrying the blessed hair of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), he was accompanied with Al-Azhary Imams and the Nawbee band. This was followed with the high school inshad band who enlightened and blessed our ears with soothing chants about the best of all creations - our beloved and master Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him).

The Year Six School Captains Bakr Al Zahab and Mariam Mallah recited an enlightening story of the birth of our Master Muhammad which is one filled with blessings and lessons which increase our love towards the Prophet. This was followed by the school Imam and Religious advisor Shaykh Amr Alshleh Al-Azahary who provided a religious lesson which recognised and reflected on the great occasion of celebrating the birth of the Prophet Muhammad as a good innovation by performing the good deeds despite the classification of this by some ignorant people as an innovation of misguidance. This was preceded with a beautiful poetic recitation about our love and devotion for the beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) by Year Six student Nour Musilmani.

This was preceded with the Principal's closing address Mr Ayman Alwan recognising the efforts of Al Amanah College in teaching its students the true Islamic creed and reflected on the great occasion of celebrating the birth of our Prophet Muhammad as a good innovation. He encouraged the school and the special attendees to feel proud and empowered by stating the 2019 Mawlid slogan both in Arabic and English - 'Muhammad (Peace be upon Him) Success through your Guidance'. He also acknowledged the efforts of the school and introduced a gallery of images that had a visual representation of the relics of the Prophet (may peace and blessing be upon him) and students and parents were given the opportunity to view these beautiful images. He also announced and congratulated the award winners of the Mawlid Competition 1441h with a \$50 cash prize and the winning recipients from each cohort included:

Year Three: Karima Al Shelh
Year Four: Noor Kfoury
Year Five: Jude Eltayeb
Year Six: Aya Elfaki
Year Seven: Nour Al Kasem
Year Eight: Ziyad Mohammed
Year Nine: Iyman Zeinelabdein
Year Ten: Aiyah Marabani



Concluding this blessed occasion and celebration, the school's chanting band captivated the audience with another lovely anasheed about our beloved Prophet Mohammed (peace and blessings be upon Him). Each primary and secondary student along with their parents and teachers had the opportunity to seek the blessings from the Prophet's hair (peace and blessings be upon Him), this was a moment that the students were able to express their undying love for the best creation. A big *thankyou* and gratitude goes to Darulfatwa for providing this opportunity to the students, parents and teachers.

Given the many fires that are raging in the state of NSW and the urgent need of the state and the people for rainfall, duly we follow the way of our Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) who, in such situations, used to pray to Allah the Exalted to send rain to the people. Furthermore, the scholars mentioned that in such circumstances of crisis it is beneficial to order the people to repent to Allah and ask His forgiveness.

The Muslims present performed a congregational prayer asking Allah to grant us rain, which can help and assist in the hardships endured by the drought-stricken conditions faced by many farmers in rural NSW.

A special reminder about attending the Multicultural Mawlid Concert which will be held on Sunday 1 December 2019, 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.

We thank Allah for making us amongst the best nation, the nation of our Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him. The birth of our Prophet (peace be upon Him) brought light to the world and brought guidance to humans and jinn. We look forward to seeing all of our students and families at the Maawlid Celebration and wishing everyone and their families a Mawlid Mubarak insha'Allah!

كلية الأمانة الإسلامية تحتفل في ذكرى المولد النبوي الشريف

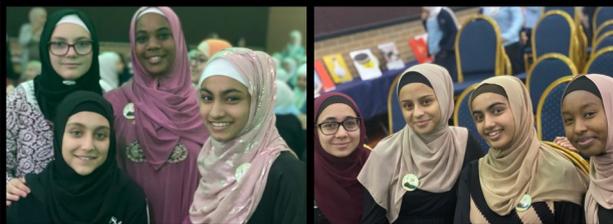
أقامت مدرسة الأمانة احتفالها السنوي بمناسبة ذكرى ولادة سيد البشر وفخر ربيعة ومضر من انشق له القمر محمد عليه أفضل الصلاة وأتم السلام وكما عودتنا مدرسة الأمانة على كل جديد فقد كان لطلاب المرحلة الابتدائية حظ وافر في المشاركة هذا العام، حيث انهم قدموا وصلة إنشادية رائعة استمتع بها الطلاب والأهالي الكرام، ووصلة شعرية في حب النبي الأعظم وقراءة لقصة المولد الشريف كما ان فريق النوبة الذي شارك فيه الطلاب من كلا المرحلتين نال إعجاب الحضور وزينه دخول الأثر المبارك شعرة رسول الله محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم.

ولقد كان لفريق الانشاد من المرحلة الثانوية عدة وصلات إنشادية رائعة حركت القلوب وأمتعت جميع الحضور.

تخلل الحفل درس ديني عن المناسبة وكلمة للسيد المدير الحاج ايمن علوان أثنى بها على العمل التي تقوم به المدرسة وخاصة في مثل هذه المناسبات وشكر الاهالي الكرام على حضورهم.

ومن المفاجئات التي جهزتها كلية الامانة لهذا العام ، مجموعة من صور للآثار المحمدية تم عرضها في قاعة الاحتفال عرضت على جميع الطلاب بعد انتهاء الحفل.





Mawlid Celebration 1441H



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Mawlid Mubarak 1441H



Mawlid Celebration 1441H



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الأحاديث الأسبوعية

Hadiths of the Week

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: **{ اتَّقُوا الرِّيَاءَ }** رواه البخاري

Which means: **“beware of insincerity”**

T4
WK 1



قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: **{ بُورِكَ لَأُمَّتِي فِي بُكُورِهَا }** رواه الترمذي

Which means: **{the early mornings of my nation are blessed}**

T4
WK2



قال رسول الله ﷺ: **“لا يدخل الجنة قنات”** والقنات هو النقام (رواه البخاري)

Which means: **The talebearer (qanat) will not be amongst the first People who enter paradise.**



T4 WK4

قال رسول الله ﷺ: **«إِنَّمَا بُعِثْتُ لِأَتَمِّمَ مَكَارِمَ الْأَخْلَاقِ»** [رواه البيهقي]

Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him said what means: **“I was sent to the people to reveal and exhibit all of the good manners and high ethics”**

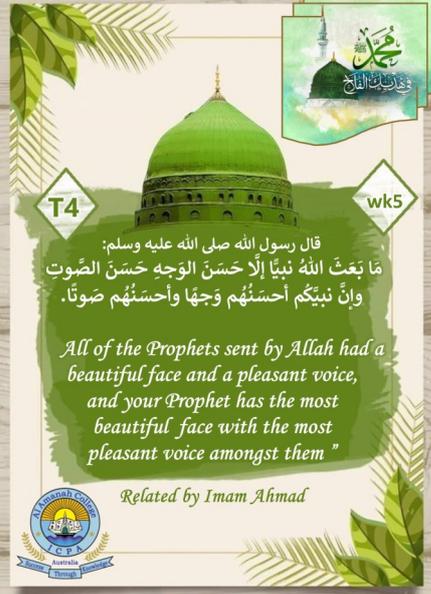


T4 wk5

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: **مَا بَعَثَ اللَّهُ نَبِيًّا إِلَّا حَسَنَ الْوَجْهِ حَسَنَ الصَّوْتِ وَإِنْ نَبِيَّكُمْ أَحْسَنُهُمْ وَجْهًا وَأَحْسَنُهُمْ صَوْتًا.**

All of the Prophets sent by Allah had a beautiful face and a pleasant voice, and your Prophet has the most beautiful face with the most pleasant voice amongst them

Related by Imam Ahmad



T4 WK6

قال النبي ﷺ: **بَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً**

رواه البخاري

Which means: **Convey my teaching to others, even if only one 'Ayah**



2019 NAPLAN Award Ceremony

On Thursday 24 October, Years Three, Five, Seven and Nine students of Al Amanah College, Liverpool were recognised for their fantastic achievements in the 2019 NAPLAN assessment. The following assessment tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken every year in the second full week in May.

Australia's future depends upon each citizen having the knowledge, understanding, skills

and values necessary to provide the basis for a productive and rewarding life in an educated and open society. High-quality schooling is central to achieving this vision. Here at Al Amanah College, we promote these values, supporting students in their mission to excel in not only the areas of literacy and numeracy but all facets of their education.

This year, students who achieved the top two bands in three or more domains were recognised for their achievements. Also, students who had a calculated growth of over 100 points over the years were award-

ed for their significant improvement. Recognising student progress is essential to our growth, giving students a standard to strive towards and ensuring that each individual has a focused approach towards their studies.

A special mention to the executive staff and teachers who worked tirelessly to support students during this time along with those who assisted during the NAPLAN Saturday sessions.

Congratulations to all students who received an award during the ceremony.



2019 SRC Parents Breakfast

On Monday 4 November 2019, the primary and secondary SRC held its annual end of year breakfast for the executive staff, the student representatives and their parents celebrating the occasion of the Mawlid - the birth of our Master and prophet Muhammad (Peace and blessings be upon him). The special engagement was also to commemorate the SRC special achievements, hard-work and dedication throughout this year.

The breakfast began with the Year Eleven Vice Captain Numeer Imtiaz who officially started the formalities. This included listening to a heart-warming Qur'anic recitation from the newly elected School Captain Muhammad Salim Alwan. This was followed by an inspiring speech by the school principal Mr

Alwan. He congratulated and thanked the primary and secondary SRC students for their assistance throughout the many school and community-based fundraising initiatives and working towards the betterment of the school and the wider community.

This was preceded with an insightful religious lecture conducted by Shaykh Samer Alshafie Al Azhary about the story of the birth of Prophet Muhammad (Peace and blessings be upon him). He emphasised that commemorating the birth of the best of all creations is a blessed innovation which has immense goodness and deeds for Muslims by reciting Qur'an and remembering the honourable traits and characteristics of the Prophet (Peace and blessings

be upon him). These rewardable deeds inspire the hearts to have more profound love for our master and Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him).

To show our gratitude for the students' and parents' dedication and commitment towards the school, they were honoured with a breakfast with their family, relatives and executive members. Students, parents and the executive staff enjoyed the variety of food and desserts.

On behalf of Al Amanah College, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the parents, students and staff members who donated towards the breakfast. To the SRC team of 2019 - thank you very much your devotion and assistance towards the school.



Maawlid Fundraiser

Al Amanah College held a cake stall fundraiser on Wednesday 30 October 2019, where students were encouraged to donate cakes, muffins, brownies and cupcakes for the Maawlid Fundraiser. Due to the generous donations by the students and parents there were an assortment of cakes that were sold which assisted towards fundraising for various Mawlid events.

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite all of our students and their families and friends to attend the Multicultural Mawlid Concert which will be held on Sunday 1 December 2019, starting from 4:00pm, at the State Sports Centre, Olympic Boulevard, Home-



bush. 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.

May Allah reward all the parents and students for their kind generosity towards the fundraiser.

Maawlid Fundraiser #2

Al Amanah College held a successful second Maawlid fundraiser on Wednesday 6 November 2019. The fundraiser sold Krispy Kremes, waffles, spider drinks and ice blocks which assisted towards fundraising money for the Multicultural Mawlid Concert in Sydney Olympic Park.

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite all of our students and their families and friends to attend the Multicultural Mawlid Concert which will be held on **Sunday 1 December 2019**, starting **from 4:00pm**, at the State Sports Centre, Olympic Boulevard, Homebush.

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Star Student of the Week



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Week 1



Rima Dunia

KH

Week 2



Abbas Hussien

1K

Week 3



Inaya Nazim

KR

Week 4



Ahmad Al Farran

KM

Week 5



Afia Anika

1D

Week 6



Jibreil Kabbara

1K

2 - 6

Week 1



Abbas Hanon

3E

Week 2



Elhan Katovic

5J

Week 3



Ruqayah El Omari

5S

Week 4



Sama Khashashneh

4S

Week 5



Malek Babti

4D

Week 6



Samir Eje

2A

2019 Annual Public Speaking Competition

On Thursday 26 September, Years Three - Six students from Al Amanah College Bankstown, Al Amanah College Liverpool and Salamah College competed in the Public Speaking Competition.

Students presented fantastic speeches and engaged the audience. A job well done to all students who made it to the finals and congratulations to the winners.

The winners are:

- Year Three - Sidrah Abouoghod (Bankstown Campus)
- Year Four - Taline Sabieddine (Salamah College)
- Year Five - Mariam Mosowi (Salamah College)
- Year Six - Saba Tanai (Bankstown Campus)



فن كتابة الرسائل في اللغة العربية

تعدّ الرسائل من أهم وسائل التواصل الاجتماعيّ، وتختصّ بالحديث عن موضوع معيّن بطريقة معيّنة، خاصة إن كانت رسميةً أو مختومة، وقد تكون الرسائل من النوع الحميميّ التي يتبادلها الأصدقاء، فهي تُشعّر المستلم بأهميته، خاصة كونها مكتوبة بخط اليد، كما أنه من الممكن الاحتفاظ بها لفترات زمنية طويلة.

الرسائل الشخصية من أهم أنواع الرسائل التي يستطيع فيها الكاتب التعبير عن مشاعره للطرف الآخر، وقد تأتي هذه الرسائل لعدّة أغايات، كما أنّ هناك مجموعة من القواعد والأسس التي يجب على الكاتب اتباعها عند الكتابة.

قام تلاميذ الصف الخامس والسادس بكتابة رسائل جميلة لمعلمهم أو من يحبون من الأهل والأصدقاء. وقد أظهروا في هذه الرسائل مقدرتهم على استعمال مفردات اللغة العربية ومهارة التعبير عن مشاعرهم الصادقة مما يعكس ما تعلموا ومارسوا من بعض هذه المهارات في دروس اللغة العربية.

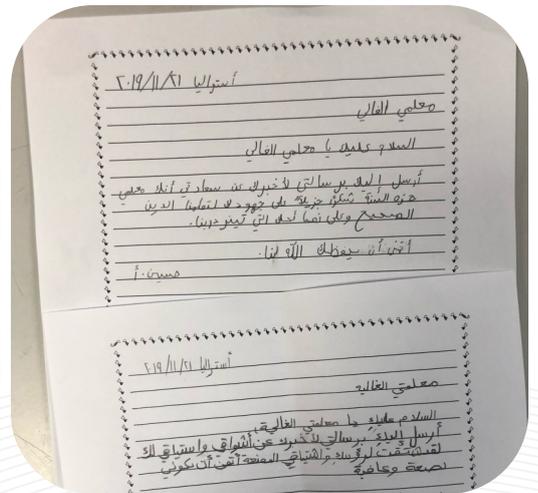
أستراليا ٢٣ تشرين الأول ٢٠١٩

ابنة خالتي المحبوبة،

أرسل لك تحياتي وقلاتي يا عزيزتي. لقد اشتقت إليك كثيراً. حبيبتي الغالية، أتمنى أن تكوني فرحةً في أيامك. أخبريني عن دراستك وعن كل أخبارك في رسالتك القادمة. والآن سوف أخبرك عن أيامي بعد أن سافرت إلى أستراليا. أنا الآن في الصف الخامس، أستعد للإمتحانات. لقد تعلمت في المدرسة بعد غيبتك عنك، اللغة العربية، واللغة الإنكليزية. واني متشوقة جداً لكي أتعلم اللغة الفرنسية أيضاً. أما عن وقتي في البيت، فأني أدرس وأساعد أمي بأعمال المنزل. أسأل عنك دائماً يا عزيزتي، وأطلب من أهلي بالبحاح، أن تقوم بزيارتك قريباً.

وأخيراً، أتمنى لك أياماً سعيدة، وأسأل الله أن يحملك، وأن يُنحلك في دروسك. اشتقت لك، وأريد أن أراك قريباً إن شاء الله.

حبيبتي الحنونّة،



Year Two Warragamba Dam Excursion

On Monday 28 October, Year Two went on an excursion to Warragamba Dam as part of the science unit 'Wonderful Water'. Students are learning about where water comes from, how we use it and how to care for it. This is especially relevant considering NSW is currently in a drought! It was enlightening seeing how little water was in the dam. Warragamba Dam is currently only at 48% capacity - this is really scary!

When we arrived at the Dam, we had a look at the lake and had an introductory session

with our guides Rusty and Tracy. We then split into two groups and rotated activities. One group went down to look at the dam valves, pipes and gates. They then viewed the lake from the dam wall and discussed the natural features and animals. The other group dressed up as scientists and examined water creatures found in the lake, then moved onto doing a sketch of the dam using binoculars. After that, they built water catchment models.

Year Two really enjoyed learning more about where our water comes from, how it gets to our taps and how we can help to take care of it. We would like to encourage everyone to do their bit to help save water. Keep an eye out for our Water Saving posters that we will be making in a couple of weeks and displaying around the school.

Mrs Collins, Mrs Adam and Mrs Raad,
Year Two Teachers



Kindy Aquarium Excursion

On Thursday 31 October Kindergarten went to the Aquarium. We saw lots of sea animals. There were some scary sharks with big teeth and stingrays swimming above us in the tunnel. There was a big dugong munching on lettuce. We got to touch some starfish. They felt rough and bumpy. We also went on a boat to see penguins. It was very cold!

We had a wonderful day.

Mrs El Hawat, Miss McGahey and Ms Rainis
Kindy Teachers



مُباراةٌ في إلقاءِ الشَّعرِ العربيِّ

أقامت مدرستنا مدرسة الأمانة للسنة الرابعة على التوالي مُباراةً في إلقاءِ الشَّعرِ العربيِّ لطلابِ الصَّفِّ الرابعِ والخامسِ والسَّادسِ وذلك يوم الأربعاء الواقع في ٣٠ تشرين الأول ٢٠١٩ الموافق في ٢ ربيع الأول ١٤٤١ هجرية.

تقدَّم إليها عددٌ من الطُّلابِ، تمَّ اختيارُ ثمانية عشر تلميذاً، تباروا أمام رفاقهم والأهالي وقد تخلل هذا الاحتفال تلاوة من الذكر الحكيم تلاها علينا الطالب محمد خان وكلمة لمدير المدرسة الأستاذ أيمن علوان حفظه الله ءامين .

وقد فاز من الصَّفِّ السَّادسِ في المرتبة الأولى الطالبة نور مسلماني وفي المرتبة الثانية الطالب بكر الذهب، وفي المرتبة الثالثة الطالبة مريم ملاح. وفاز من الصَّفِّ الخامسِ في المرتبة الأولى الطالبة لانا عوض وفي المرتبة الثانية الطالبة رقية العمري وفي المرتبة الثالثة الطالبة إيمان الريفي.

أما الصف الرابع فقد فاز في المرتبة الأولى الطالبة لمار عيد وفي المرتبة الثانية الطالبة نور كفوري وفي المرتبة الثالثة الطالب محمد قاسم.

نشكُرُ جميعَ من ساهمَ في هذه المسابقة وخاصة وحدة الدين واللغة العربية لتنظيم هذه المناسبة ومدير مدرستنا على تشجيعه للطلاب، حيث كرمَ جميع الطلاب على مشاركتهم في هذه المُباراة.

2019 Arabic Poetry Competition

Al Amanah College held its annual Arabic Poetry Competition on Wednesday 30 October 2019 for Year four to Six. The occasion was marked with a beautiful recitation from the Holy Qur'an by Muhammad Khan from Year Six. The School's principal, Mr Alwan addressed parents and students about the importance of this competition and the importance of following and implementing the teachings of our Master prophet Muhammad peace be upon him. Mr Alwan also welcomed all parents who attended and thanked them for their support.

The competition focused on speaking emotively to entertain an audience.

The eighteen participants spoke poetically and impressed the judges with their vast abilities and a great sense of fluency. The selected eighteen students recited beautiful poems of our beloved Prophet Muhammad; may peace be upon him. We were very proud of our students! The recitations were heartfelt and filled with emotions.

The judges had a hard time choosing the best poetry presenters from the three grades. After a short discussion the following students were chosen:

Year four

1. Lamar Eid
2. Nour Kfoury
3. Mohammed Kassem

Year Five

1. Lana Awad
2. Ruqayah El Omari
3. Iman Rifi

Year Six

1. Noor Mouslemani
2. Bakr El-Zahab
3. Mariam Mallah

A special *thankyou* to all who were involved in putting this event together. The Religion and Arabic departments highlighted this event on the academic calendar which student will be looking forward to next year.

Congratulations to all students who participated on the day.



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Kindergarten Orientation (Session One)

On Tuesday 5 November, Al Amanah College welcomed the upcoming Kindy Class of 2020 for their first orientation day.

Parents took part in valuable information session about the importance of healthy eating at school as well as how Mathematics and Arabic are taught in early stage one.

The children took part in fun, interactive and hands on activities in our Kindergarten rooms. They enjoyed playing with puzzles and threading beads. Some explored technology using the interactive smartboard, while others built Lego block structures and playdough models. Our 2020 students drew creative pictures and took part in a group shared reading experience.

There were few tears and many smiling faces who all went home with a special Al Amanah College balloon.



Kindergarten Orientation (Session Two)



On Tuesday 12 November, Al Amanah College held the second Kindergarten orientation session for the Class of 2020.

Parents had the opportunity to view samples of the current Kindergarten homework and were given valuable tips on how to help their child at home. Parents also got to view how literacy is taught in the early years at school, with particular emphasis on the importance of daily guided reading, both at school and at home.

The children were kings and queens for the day. They made their own crowns and decorated them beautifully. The children also enjoyed all of the fun hands on activities that were planned for them by the wonderful teachers at our Liverpool campus.

We look forward to seeing them again for the final visit next week.

Kindergarten Orientation (Session Three)

On Tuesday 19 November, the class of 2020 attended their final day of Kindergarten Orientation at our Liverpool campus. They participated in a variety of developmental play activities, where they got to interact with their peers. Our future students also had the opportunity to use a variety of materials to make some creative craft work.

Parents attended a numeracy workshop where they were presented with some valuable tips on how numeracy is taught in the foundation year of school. This was followed by a presentation given by our Arabic staff members on the importance of learning Arabic at a young age and how parents can assist with the implementation of the weekly Arabic/ Religion homework at home.

The class of 2020 then joined their parents in The Grand Hall where they were presented with a school readiness pack and certificates to congratulate them on a successful orientation to Kindergarten.

It was a pleasure to see how proud and happy they were and we look forward to seeing them next year.



Year One Sydney Observatory Excursion

On Tuesday 19 November, Year One students travelled to the Sydney Observatory to investigate the weather. They took part in a Geography and science hands-on experiment-based workshop to study the weather and seasonal markers in Sydney.

Using measurable techniques, our students explored temperature, cloud cover, wind speed and direction. They used real meteorological instruments including thermometers. They learned about rain gauges, anemometers, wind vanes and saw an Octa- mirror which is used to collect data about clouds.

Our Year One students gained first-hand experience in analogue and digital technologies. They had fun being meteorologists for the day, collecting and recording data. Year One enjoyed observing the city views and relaxing lunch in the park. A great day was enjoyed by all!

Year One Teachers

Ms Kurdi & Miss Daviskas



High School Transition Programme

The transition to a new learning setting involves major variations that can be challenging for students. This is where academic achievement and leadership qualities are important. To have a smooth transition, a team of four advisors were selected from various high school departments to become programme facilitators, allowing Year Six students to have a smooth transition to high school. Their roles included four sessions over a four-week period to focus on leadership, team building and participation.

Students were taught how to make important academic and social decisions



that determine their likelihood of graduating from high school, going to university and entering the workforce.

Students were highly engaged, responsive and interacted positively. It was fantastic to see such a fantastic outcome from the newly implemented programme and we hope all students benefit from the key skills learnt over the sessions.

Mrs Khalil and Ms Wilmot
Year Six Teachers

2019 Year Six Open Day

The Year Six Open Day marked the welcoming of Year Six students into Al Amanah High School. The students were able to get a glimpse of high school life through Nour Al Kasem who gave an insightful and funny speech about his vivid memories of Year Seven in 2019.

The 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 students, under the guidance of the SRC leaders, participated in numerous fun-filled activities including a guided tour of high school. They played some ice breaker and group-based games.

Students were split into two main groups and were given the opportunity to experience a Science and a Technology class. They were given a hands-on practical lesson from high school teachers. Students found these classes fun and engaging and were eagerly awaiting to start Year Seven.

I wish all Year Six students the best of luck entering and transitioning into High School in 2020. Thank you to all the SRC students for all your time and effort in making it a wonderful day for all.



Miss Baker
SRC coordinator



Elevate Education Programmes

On Monday 21 October, the Year Twelve students had another effective session with the Elevate Education Programme titled the 'Student Elevation'.

The session included a concept known as 'Mapping Motivation' which explored the concept of having a belief, a goal and planning. It was explained that belief is what you think or know to be true. He informed us to believe in ourselves and our abilities and to not have the 'I can't' mindset to any easy or difficult task that we maybe confronted with throughout our academic year at Al Amanah College. The common stigma of the 'I can't' negative mindset trains the mind to believe it is the truth.

Moreover, the presenter explained goals, and defined it as "what success looks like", he told us that we should have a written set goal that we want to achieve, it can either be short-term or long-term, but we have to focus on that goal and ensure that we look at it and read it and believe in it every single day.

Furthermore, he defined planning as "the steps needed to reach your goal", we should practice planning our goals and work on them in small chunks, whilst measuring our performance. He then gave us an example about climbing Mount Everest, that the best way to climb it is by looking ten steps ahead and no more, not until you reach that goal, then set yourself another goal of ten steps, until the major goal is achieved. This process ultimately gives us more motivation, by having small wins, whilst being less overwhelmed.

He concluded the session by asking us to give him feedback on a paper provided. As a cohort, this session was very beneficial, informative and interactive, as it was presented by a university student and was raised in a similar generation and society. As a cohort, we appreciate the school for their effort in bringing volunteers from Elevate Education to help us build the skills and mindset we can apply throughout our HSC journey.

Elias Kahil
Year Twelve Student



Year Eleven Award Ceremony

The Year Eleven students attended an Awards Ceremony to mark the end of their studies and most importantly to welcome the challenging year ahead. Students have done exceptionally well this year and are demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities through many programmes being offered to them by the school. Namely the school's mentoring and leadership programmes which has seen students grow immensely over the year.

Al Amanah College congratulates the following award recipients:

Western Sydney University Academy Access Award - Bilal El Omari

Bilal did a project about a solar power steam generator that purifies dirty water and generates electricity which has been selected as a prize winner in the 2019 STANSW YOUNG Scientist Awards.

Principal Awards: Danna Rajab and Nada Khaled

Achievement Awards: Numeer Imtiaz, Tia Saad, Mariam Abdallah and Adeeb Thottasseri

Consistent Effort Awards: Elias Kahil and Rhyanna Hussein

Age Champion: Yahya El Masri, Rhyanna Hussein and Ahmad Walid Dabboussi

SRC Awards

SRC member - Muhammad Rawanduz and Tia Saad

Vice Captains - Ahmad Walid Dabboussi and Mariam Abdallah

Class Captains - Yahya El Masri and Nada Khaled

The SRC members for 2020 are Ahmad Walid Dabboussi and Mariam Abdallah. Vice Captains are Numeer Imtiaz and Nada Khaled. And the school captains are Muhammad Alwan and Danna Rajab. Both captains have taken their pledge.

We wish all the Year Twelve 2020 cohort all the very best and hope to see you all bring many wonderful things back to your community in the future.



Year Eleven University Excursions



Year 12 University visits



The 2020 HSC cohort attended tertiary information sessions at the University of Sydney and University of Technology Sydney on Tuesday 5 November 2019. Student engagement in these sessions help prepare students make informed decisions about the following:

1. Diversity in undergraduate degree courses including insight into combined degrees and courses accredited by professional institutions such as governing bodies in accountancy and architecture.
2. Nature of learning, assessment and work placement opportunities across various faculties in the university
3. Scholarship opportunities and the process of lodging an application
4. Special entry requirements in courses such as science, medicine and arts
5. Opportunities for admission pathways and ATAR requirements

Student engagement in university information sessions early in their HSC course also aims to encourage the HSC class to better appreciate the vital need to plan and implement effective study plans in order to attain the minimum ATAR requirements in competitive courses.

The senior students enjoyed the day out and appreciate valuable information regarding tertiary studies for their careful consideration in selection their desired course.

Ajay Nand
Stage Six Coordinator

Year Eleven University Excursions

The 2020 HSC class visited the University of New South Wales campus in Randwick on 21 November. Students were provided with invaluable information in courses such as Law, Business, Engineering, Medicine, and numerous types of undergraduate degrees in Science.

The senior students were also provided with information and processes involved in lodging applications to be considered for a range of scholarships and pathway entry schemes. Moreover, the UNSW student ambassadors presented our students with strategies to compile necessary portfolios of achievements over the course of studies in the HSC course which the students will use in their applications for entry into university in 2020

Following the presentation students were taken on a campus tour and shown various faculties and specialist services available at the university.

Senior student participation in events such as university visits facilitate informed decision-making regarding course selection for university courses in addition to motivating students to excel in their academic outcomes.

Ajay Nand
Stage Six Coordinator



2019 Literacy Week - Secondary Cultural Presentation Competition

Al Amanah College would like to Congratulate the following students for participating and winning the Literacy Competition:

1. Jana Moussa
2. Shams Al Zubaidy
3. Jasmine El Kabbout
4. Zaenab Al Qubra
5. Maysa El Masri
6. Sania Owais
7. Sedra Schanan
8. Rusal Al alawy



Students were to design a REPRESENTATION of something that was culturally significant to them. They were to be imaginative and creative with their own designs.



Young Scientist Award 2019



Al Amanah College would like to congratulate Bilal El Omari of Year Eleven for his outstanding achievement with the Young Scientist Committee. Bilal attended the Presentation Ceremony at the University of Wollongong on Friday 1 November 2019 accompanied by his parents and Mr Kassem on behalf of the school. Bilal's scientific project was named 'A Solar Power Steam Generator' that purifies dirty water and generates electricity was selected as a prize-winner in the 2019 STANSW Young Scientist Awards.

With over 920 projects submitted this year, judging of the projects was an extraordinary task to select the winning recipients of the awards. All projects have been double marked by a panel of trained judges and the winning projects have gone through further stages of judging.

Al Amanah College congratulates Bilal El Omari on his well deserved scientific award.



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WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL

It is great to practise "active travel" - this is any way to travel which makes you burn energy, like walking, cycling, scootering or skateboarding.

Here's how you can walk safely:

- Hold your child's hand when walking
- Only cross the road at pedestrian crossings or traffic lights with walk signals
- Look for vehicles coming in and out of driveways
- Avoid distractions (earphones, mobile phones)



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CRUNCH & SIP IDEAS

What to pack for Crunch & Sip

- A bottle of plain water
- Veggie sticks
- Several whole, smaller fruit or veg
- A whole piece of fruit or veg

Remember: Children can only have water, fruit and vegetables during Crunch & Sip time. Variations like fruit muffins, fruit juice, popcorn and potato chips are not suitable.

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HOW TO KEEP ON TOP OF SCREEN TIME

- Plan screen-free time like outdoor play, music, sport
- Use tools to manage access e.g. parental controls
- Lead by example: reduce your own screen time
- Agree on daily time-limits. It's not about punishment, it's about keeping balance.
- Be involved—play games together
- When going out, resist giving children mobile devices. Take books or toys instead.
- Set screen-free zones and times, e.g. no screens in bedrooms.
- Start with small changes first to avoid resistance

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HEALTHY KIDS ARE SMART KIDS

Research tells us:

- Students who are more fit had better NAPLAN scores
- Students performed better in tests after walking for 20 minutes
- Adding physical activity into maths lessons improved test scores and on-task behaviour
- Students who are active outside of school had better test results than their peers

Adding exercise into children's day does not seem to take away from academic time

Instead it improves the QUALITY of time they spend learning



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NUDE FOOD

October is Nude Food Month!

I'M A NUDE FOOD WARRIOR

Check out these plastic free lunchbox ideas.



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HEALTHY KIDS ARE SMART KIDS

Research has shown:

- Students with a healthy diet were twice as likely to have higher test scores
- Students who eat healthy snacks during the day scored 6% higher in maths than those who ate unhealthy snacks
- Children who eat fast foods performed worse in tests on reading and mathematics
- Students who ate lots of sweets and fried foods were more likely to perform poorly at school



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