

# AL AMANAH COLLEGE

Success Through Knowledge

## NEWSLETTER

Issue 08

## Message from the Principal's Office

Wednesday 11 December 2019

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

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

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2019. In this edition we continue to share with you the school's achievements in 2019. During this term, Year Ten students had their graduation in a traditional Al Amanah College style with a whole school assembly and presentation ceremony. Year Eleven students had their presentation during week two Year Seven, Eight and Nine students continued to work at their studies and have enjoyed participating in various school and sporting events. Year Six students attended an open day as part of their transition programme to gain some insight into High School. They spent the day at the secondary school and participated in team building activities and met some high school staff in readiness for 2020.

As the school year comes to a close, our minds and hearts are filled to the brim. It's been a great year! Together we've learned much and shared experiences that will long remain with us in the years to come. The strength and passion of our community to make our school a wonderful place of learning not only for our students but for all involved makes Al Amanah College a truly special place.

Special thanks to our parents who have contributed in ways small and large! Thank you for getting your children to school on time each day and helping your children in the learning process; the partnership between home and school is important.

I would like to thank our hard working and caring staff members who have made a huge difference to our students. Their commitment is outstanding, and our kids are the beneficiaries. Thank you for providing rich and engaging well-rounded experiences to our children. Education is about joy, fostering curiosity along with the development of social skills needed to succeed. For these, and a million other things, we are truly grateful.

We are proud to say that Al Amanah College, Liverpool campus, was formally recognised by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) for significant gains in NAPLAN 2019 results. The high standards set by Al Amanah College were reflected in our commitment to quality teaching. Teaching and learning success at the College was again proudly evident in our NAPLAN and HSC results. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the students on their successes in the 2018 HSC. The results were very pleasing with students achieving excellent results and are continuing their tertiary studies at different universities. Whereas, NAPLAN results for Years Three,

### Dates to Remember

**MONDAY 13 - FRIDAY 24 JANUARY 2020**  
School Office Open  
9:00am - 2:00pm

**TUESDAY 21 - WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY**  
Uniform Sale Days

**THURSDAY 23 JANUARY**  
Year 7 & 11 Orientation Day  
9am - 11:30am

**MONDAY 27 JANUARY**  
Public Holiday

**TUESDAY 28 - WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY**  
Teachers Professional Development Days

**THURSDAY 30 JANUARY**  
Students Day One - Term One Starts  
Years One - Twelve

**MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY**  
Kindergarten Day One



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Five, Seven and Nine has shown steady growth and solid performance.

The 2019 SRC students worked very hard! May Allah reward them for their ongoing commitment towards the betterment of the school community. Amongst the many roles of the SRC committee is the fundraising activities held throughout the year supporting both the school and much needed non-profit community organisations. These fundraising events included

sport carnivals, harmony day, Eid fete, chocolate fundraising and contributing to orphan donations. The SRC team of 2019 has set stride and precedent for the years to come. We are consistently working on evolving the great community and culture that is Al Amanah College, hopefully leaving a legacy for following generations.

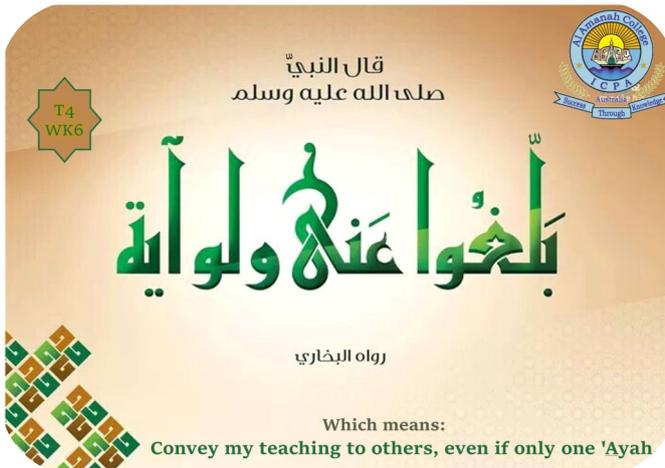
In closing, I take this opportunity to wish all those who are leaving for new places all the best. I congratulate all students of Al

Amanah College for completing another year successfully! I wish all our parents, students and staff a time of happiness and relaxation and look forward to working with you all in 2020.

Regards,

Ayman Alwan  
Principal

## الأحاديث الأسبوعية Hadiths of the Week

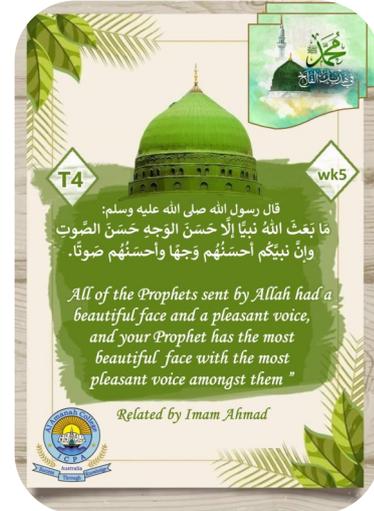


قال النبي  
صلى الله عليه وسلم

**بَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً**

رواه البخاري

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



قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:  
مَا تَعَفَّى اللَّهُ نَبِيًّا إِلَّا حَسَّنَ الْوَجْهَ حَسَّنَ الصَّوْتِ  
وَإِنَّ 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 Alimad



قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
"مَا قَلَّ وَكَفَى حَيْرٌ مِمَّا كَثُرَ وَالْأَيْ" رَوَاهُ الْبُخَارِيُّ

What is less but sufficient is better than what is abundant but distractive

رواه البخاري

which means:  
"Facilitate; don't make things difficult; give glad tidings and don't repel people."

narrated by al- Bukhariyy



قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم

**"يَسِّرُوا وَلَا تُعَسِّرُوا بَشَرًا وَلَا تَفَرُّوا"**

رواه البخاري

Hadith of the week  
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narrated by al- Bukhariyy

## Annual Business Dinner

Al Amanah College held its 2019 Annual Business Dinner on Friday 22 November in the school's Grand Hall. Staff members and prominent guests gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of our school throughout the academic year 2019. Our staff are recognised for their hard work and their commitment to the school. The amount of inspiration that our staff provide our students goes above and beyond that which we think. Distinguished guests, including members of parliament, council representatives, community leaders, religious advisors and student alumni representatives attended the dinner.

The evening's formal events began with a beautiful Qur'an recitation by Sara Kahil - 2017 Year Twelve graduate, followed by a magnificent performance by the School choir of the school and national anthems. The School's Head Principal Mr Mohamad El Dana, delivered the welcome speech highlighting the main achievements of the school in 2019, this was followed by the Chairman of Darulfatwa Islamic High Council of Australia Dr Salim Alwan Al-Hussainiyy who focused on the importance of acquiring Islamic knowledge and remaining steadfast on the path of Prophet Muhammad "Peace be upon him". Dr Sheikh Salim Alwan thanked Al Amanah for all their hard work in supporting and educating our community. Moreover, the ICPA President, Mr Mohammed Mehio delivered a speech thanking the community for their support in making Al Amanah a success, this was followed by the guest speaker Sheikh Ghanim Jalloul who is a linguist and a scholar in the Arabic literature. Sheikh Ghanim Jalloul mentioned several verses from the Holy Qur'an which are related to the perfect knowledge and wisdom of Allah. He encouraged the attendees to acquire knowledge and ended his speech by asking our exalted God to protect Australia from the harm of fire and evil.



## Annual Business Dinner

The school's achievements for the year were highlighted in the video of students and teachers which embodied the school's culture and values in many different ways. Our final speaker for the night was Mahmoud Ismail - one of the 2014 graduates. His speech moved the audience and focused on the moderate teachings of the school and how the teachers had a positive effect on his life and his journey. The evening continued with the award ceremony during which awards were presented to the following staff members:

### Five Years of Service Award

Fay Kurdi, Sara El Sabeh, Daniel Collins, Eman Zahra

### Ten Years of Service Award

Merima Husseinchehajic, Ajay Nand, Rukaya Chami, Samer Alshafie

### Fifteen Years of Service Award

Sunil Kumar, Rabie Kanj, Wafa Abdallah, Marlene Oueik

### Twenty Years of Service Award

Nourhan Khalil, Mohamad Sabbagh

### Outstanding Performance Award - Teaching

Laura Rainis, Lisa Jean Adam, Rima Abdallah, Zahra Al Amiri

### Outstanding Performance Award - Non-Teaching

Zaneb Saraya

### Volunteer Recognition Award

Malek Hussein

### Special Recognition Award

Ebtihaj Ejje

### Leadership Award

Wissam Ismail

### Outstanding Achievement Award

Zeinab Imtiaz, Firas Attieh, Firas El Hawat, Banine Alfartose, Sakena Alwan, Talia Saad - in recognition of their distinguished achievement in the HSC 2018.

Bilal El Omari (Year Eleven Student) - In recognition of his outstanding achievement with the Young Scientist Committee. His project titled: "A Solar Power Steam Generator that purifies dirty water and generates electricity". He has been selected as a prize-winner in the 2019 STANSW Young Scientist Awards

In conclusion to an eventful evening, a buffet dinner was enjoyed by all staff members and guests marking the end of a challenging and successful year at Al Amanah College.





## Star Student of the Week



K - 1

2 - 6

Week 7

Week 8

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Mohamed Elibad

Aniyah Hasan

Fatima Soueid

Mikail Dabboussi

Zain Tabikh

Mohammad Kassem

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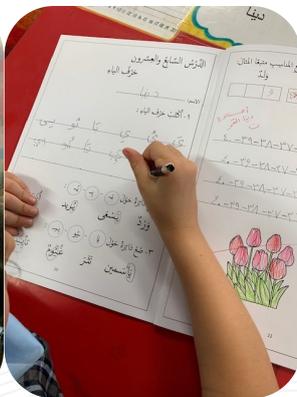
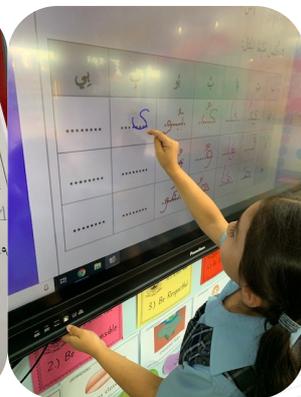
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## أهمية القراءة

تساعد قراءة القصص الطالب على تقوية المهارات اللغوية كما أنها تمكنه من التعرف على بعض المفردات والرسومات وبعض الأسماء والصور وتساعد على توسيع مخيلته وفكره وتقوي مجال طرح الأسئلة لديه.

ان الوقت الذي يقضيه المعلم في قراءته للقصص المفيدة يساعد الطالب على نمو أفكاره مما ينمي رغبته بالقراءة والاستماع والتحدث مع الآخرين لأن الأطفال بطبيعتهم يلتقطون التصرفات والعادات عبر محاكاة وتقليد الكبار ممن حولهم.

والهدف من القراءة تعزيز ادراك الطلاب وفهمهم المراد من هذه أو تلك القصة وأيضا تحبيبتهم بالقراءة.



## Beach Safety Incursion

On Tuesday 26 November, students from K - Six had an incursion to learn about beach safety.

Life saver Jacob spoke to the students about different signs we might see at the beach and their meaning. He also gave the students tips on how to spot rips and what to do if you are in danger.

Students were encouraged to share what they have learnt with friends and family to make sure how we stay safe at the beach this summer.

Miss McGahey



## Kindy - Six op Ten Dojo Achievers Excursion



After an amazing term four, Primary students who achieved the top ten class dojo scores in their class were given the opportunity to attend the end of term excursion to Casula Parklands.

On Wednesday 27, Years K - Two students took on many obstacles and had an adventure in the park with many parents and teachers attending to ensure their day was full of laughter and excitement.

On Thursday 28, Years Three - Six students had their opportunity to take on the flying fox, scale the webbed nets and kick the ball around the park with their friends. Both days were a great opportunity to spend time together and enjoy the sunshine.

We look forward to many more exciting opportunities next year and congratulate all students who attended for their amazing behaviour.

Mr Jamleoui

## Year Six Luna Park Excursion

On Thursday 5 December, Year Six students attended their final primary school excursion by attending Luna Park, Sydney. The day was filled with laughs, funny moments excitement and most of all, final memories for all students heading into secondary school next year.

Students made their way around the theme park in groups, and we would like to thank our dedicated teachers and parent helpers for ensuring students made the most of their time. There were many different rides and attractions, some for those who dared to push their comfort zone to the limit, and others who joined the rest of the crowd with a smile on their face. From roller coasters to hair-raising drops, which was adventure for all.

We would like to congratulate the Year Six class of 2019!



## 2019 Year Six Graduation Ceremony

On Monday 9 December 2019, Year Six students marked the end of their primary school years celebrating their graduation. The presentation ceremony began with the MC introducing Muhammad Khan for a beautiful recitation from the Holy Qur'an. This was followed by a speech from Mr El Dana who congratulated the students on completing their primary school studies and reminded them to remain steadfast and work hard during their secondary school years.

The ceremony proceeded with a religious lesson by Shaykh Ibrahim Alshafie, the school's religious advisor, who provided general advice to the students and emphasised the importance of seeking obligatory knowledge and spending time wisely during the holidays. A video was played which showcased the school's 2019 academic and community-based achievements. This was accompanied by student speeches. The Arabic speech was presented by Mariam Mallah who emphasised 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). Mohamad Bakr El Zahab presented the final English speech, which highlighted his journey at Al Amanah College.

The eagerly anticipated event of the morning was the award ceremony, which highlighted student achievements from Year Six based on their academic, sporting and extra-curricular

participation. The ceremony ended by thanking the college Principal, Mr Alwan for his ongoing efforts.

Congratulations goes out to all the 2019 award recipients:

**Principal Awards:**  
Mohamad Bakr El Zahab, Mariam Mallah, Muhammad Khan and Aalia Najafi

**Achievement Awards:**  
Muhammad Arrfat, Abdul Raheem Mohamed, Daniel Saad, Adiva Ain, Noor Mouslemani and Omnia Abu Elhassan

**Consistent Effort Awards:**  
Aya Elfaki, Ilham Kanj, Danya Makouk and Abdelrahim El Wazzi

**Values Award:**  
Aseel Kanj, Ali Zeinlabdein, Adam Trad and Nada Khazma

**Sports Awards:**  
Taha Elchaar and Majd Babti

**Most outstanding Athlete:**  
Muhammad Hussein and Ayah Nabilssi

The ceremony ended by thanking the college Principal Mr Alwan for his ongoing efforts and for his support and guidance to the school community. The primary school captains presented Mr Alwan with the year six school gift.

Al Amanah College wishes all students and their families a happy and safe holiday.



## 2019 Kindy - Year Five End of Year Ceremony

The K-5 End of Year Award Ceremony was held on Tuesday 10 December 2019. The formalities began with the MC, Mr Jamleoui introducing Zaara Yasir 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 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 Ayman Alwan reflected on the 2019 academic year with the improvement in NAPLAN results and 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 achievements to date, highlighting memorable moments throughout the year. 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. Congratulations to all the primary students for completing the 2019 academic school year.

### Parent Awards Certificate of Appreciation:

- Kindy - Mrs Maarabani, Mrs Rajab and Mr Tabikh
- Year One - Mrs Dalal Bakka
- Year Three - Mrs El Hallek and Mrs El Baba
- Year Four - Mrs Abduljabbar

### School Events Parent Helpers:

Mrs Manal Hassan, Mrs Fatima Mohammad El Tayeb, Mrs Noura Sultan, Mrs Mariam Hammoud, Mrs Samia Mohamed, Mr Bilal Abdelaal, Mr Km Sayedul Islam

### Sport Awards

- Kindy - Amira Rajab, Jana Noun and Mariam Khaleed
- Year One - Jouri Trad and Lujane Baltaji
- Year Two - Sofiya Najjar, Ayah Ibrahim and Lara Abou Ali
- Year Three - Roukaya Abdallah and Roukaya Alkinani,
- Year Four - Samar Anis and Najiyah Adnan Khan

- Year Five - Osman Swayze and Ghufuran Al Assad

### Outstanding Athlete Award:

- Year Three - Ahmad Raad and Laith Eid
- Year Four - Omar Kabbout and Yousuf Kanj
- Year Five - Aisha Bilijac and Mahmoud Marabani

### Values Award

- Kindy- Linda Mohamed, Fatimah Alshafie and Lamar Alyafeai
- Year One - Rehab Al Badri and Abdul Rahman Ghannoum
- Year Two - Tara Mhalhal, Ayah Abu El Hassan and Amnah Mohamed
- Year Three - Safreen Azziz and Aiesha Rajab
- Year Four - Malek Babti and Isaac Alchaar
- Year Five - Deen Beganovic and Hammam Maarabani

### Consistent Effort Awards:

- Kindy- Ibrahim Irfan, Sara Hassan, Hafsa Irfan, Ibrahim Mallah Madinah Ejje and Amaan Katovic
- Year One - Taim Almazayen, Abeera Fatima, Mhammad Gilany and Roqaya Al-Zu'bi
- Year Two - Manha Irfan, Madinah El Kabbout, Yahya El Darwich, Sualeha Adnan Khan, Ameen Mikail Dabboussi and Zoha Nazim
- Year Three - Yara Hoblos, Jada Obeid, Mohammad Ghannoum and Rahaf Hassan
- Year Four - Ayesha Raad, Hassan Elrashid, Ahmad Abbaro and Yousif Jirjees
- Year Five - Mohomad Ibrahim, Yara Mhalhal, Aminah El Hallak and Aaminah Baba

### Achievement Awards:

- Kindy - Maryam Syani, Inaya Nazim, Fatima Hassan, Lazeta Yilmaz, Rafeef Hassan, Adam Kerdi, Aaliyah Maarabani, Fatima Soueid and Ibrahim Muuse
- Year One - Melek Abduljabbar, Hala Mouslemani, Afia Anika, Jacob Obeid, Jasmine Sahyouni and Mariam Abu Swireh
- Year Two - Natalie Balout, Aminah El Niz, Laylah Alzubaydi, Arabella Majzoub, Ayesha El Asmar, Zain Tabikh, Ahmed Mohammed, Mariam Arrfat and Qatrun-Nada Kabbout
- Year Three - Huda Khan, Jalal El-Kabbout, Ibrahim Elibad, Ibrahim Alshafie, Karima Alshelh, Diyana El Masri

- Year Four - Aliyah Kassem, Mustafa Ahmed, Rami Al-Saeedi, Mariah El Bandar, Sama Khashashneh and Lammar Eid
- Year Five - Nour El Masri, Jude El Tayeb, Ghazi Rifi, Ruqayah El Omari, Zaara Yasir and Amar Khashashneh

### Principal Award Recipients:

- KR - Sarah Khalifa and Muhammad Mahed
- KH - Mazen Abdelmagid and Dina Kamand
- KM - Hooriya Fathima and Mohummad Dib
- 1K - Rowa Kahil and Eleena Eid
- 1D - Alina Karime abd Adyan Amin
- 2A - Al Hussain Al Aliawy and Jad El Masri
- 2P - Lujain Almazyyen and Hiba Kfoury
- 2C - Muhammad Jibril Alwan and Taliyah Hawchar
- 3E - Leena Alaany and Muhammad Ayan
- 3H - Hana Katovic and Joumana Khalifa
- 4D - Zahra Alsawafi and Mohammad Abduljabbar
- 4S - Noor Kfoury and Mohamad Al Boustani
- 5J - Salim Alwan and Elhan Katovic
- 5S - Enora Mehedy and Iman Rifi

Congratulations to all of the 2019 award recipients. On behalf of Al Amanah college, we wish all students and their families a happy and safe holiday. Looking forward to seeing everyone energised and fresh for the 2020 academic year.



## 2019 Kindy - Year Five End of Year Ceremony



*K-5 Presentation Day 2019*



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## 2019 Robotics Competition

On Sunday 24 November 2019, The Al Amanah Robotics team took part in the First Lego League competition. We had many first timers in the team this year who were willing to endure this very challenging task and work collaboratively together to come up with some effective solutions and ideas to the challenges that was presented to them.

The Lego League competition saw the students develop innovative, creative and teamwork skills. Although the highly dedicated team did not win the competition, it was great to see the students actively represent the school and getting involved in the wider community to come up with rigorous solutions to improve our community as a whole.



## STA Young Scientist Competition Award Recipients

On Monday 2 December 2019, Al Amanah College received this year's STANSW Young Scientist Competition Certificates. The STANSW Young Scientist Awards is a major project of the Science Teachers' Association of New South Wales (STANSW). The students are judged on the quality of their Scientific investigations carried out throughout the year. Al Amanah students did exceptionally well in this competition and a congratulatory effort goes out to the following students on their outstanding achievement.

### Distinction Award:

1. Ali Alaany 12B - The Complete Guide to Solving a Problem Acne.
2. Bilal El Omari 11B - A Solar Power Steam Generator that purifies dirty water and generates electricity.
3. Halima El-Zahab 10G - Potential of Wheatgrass (*Tritium aestivum*), Mustard (*Sinapis alba*) and Lentils

(*Lens culinaris*) for Phytoremediation of Lead Contaminated Soils.

### Credit Award:

1. Danna Rajab 11G - Which thermal materials are most effective in generating electrical energy with thermometric generator
2. Rossel Alobeidi 10G - The Effect of Temperature Change on the Vitamin C Content of Kiwi Fruit Juice
3. Sabrina Kfoury 10G - Which Group raises Blood Glucose Levels the most for bunch of Healthy, non-diabetic teenagers?
4. Abdifatah Mohamed 10B - The Effect of Various Fertilisers on Extending Plant Life During Drought

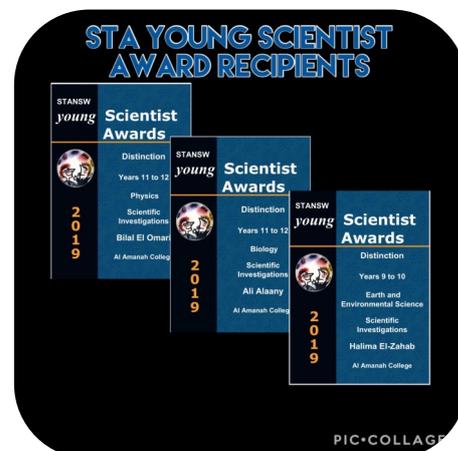
### Commendation Award:

1. Muhammad Alwan 10B - Testing Various Behavioural Incentives on ten-year-old Iyad Mohammed 10B -

The amount of energy stored in different types of food

### iTE Innovations and Engineering Design Awards

1. Bilal El Omari 12B - Credit



## Al Amanah College Stage Five Arabic 'A Mystery Involving a Ticket'

Stage five Al Amanah students, who are also confirmed for enrolment in stage six Arabic, had the chance to enter the competition run by the Australian Modern Language Teaching Association. The competition required a submission of a short movie with the title 'Mystery Involving a Ticket'. Students Sabrina Khoury and Alae Jamous co-wrote a script and performed in the movie themselves, with the support of Ms El-Marouk. Shortly, after Ms El-Marouk received an e-mail from MLTA stating that the movie and the language used was outstanding and that it was very difficult for the judges to make a decision, which meant the students made it to the final round of the competition. The film was then screened at the Events theatre on George street, Sydney, where many other school members viewed the film. This is such a great achievement for the stage five students and we, the Al Amanah College family, are very proud of these students for their fantastic effort. Please follow the link to view the film: <https://youtu.be/1T77C6XF3M>

## 2019 Year Ten Graduation

On Friday 29 November, Al Amanah College held its Year Ten Graduation Ceremony in the school's rand Hall. The presentation ceremony marked the end of eleven years of studies and highlighted the academic performance, extra-curricular and sporting achievements of the students throughout the academic year.

The ceremony officially began with the Year Ten MC students, Alae Jamous and Yasmin Bajouri. The occasion was marked with a beautiful recitation from the Holy Qur'an from a talented Year 10 student Muhammad Ayman Alwan. This was preceded with the Head Principal Mr El Dana addressing the Year Ten students and their parents, Mr El Dana congratulated the students on completing their Year Ten studies and reminded them to remain steadfast and preserve for the next two years in their future academic studies. The distinguished guests and students enjoyed a heart-warming religious lesson by his eminence Dr Sheikh Ibrahim Alshafie who spoke about the importance of acquiring Islamic knowledge and remaining steadfast on the path of our Master and Prophet Muhammad Peace and blessings be upon Him. This was followed by an inspiring speech by the talented Year Ten student Halima El-Zahab who reflected on the most important and memorable moments that signified the cohort's experiences at Al Amanah College. Sabrina Kfoury presented a speech in Arabic and enlightened all attendees with her eloquent Arabic speaking skills.

The Year Ten advisor Miss Baker congratulated the students on this great achievement and showed her appreciation to their hard work and contribution throughout the years. A short school video projection that highlighted the school's academic and community-based achievements and a Year Ten video that showcased the wonderful memories of the students from their humble beginnings at Al Amanah College was presented to all.

On behalf of Al Amanah College, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the parents on their children's achievements and we would like to sincerely thank you for all your support over the years. We wish them all the best and success in their future endeavours, we are immeasurably proud of each student's academic performance and contribution to the school and wider community.

**Congratulations to all the Year Ten students and the award recipients!**

**Australian Geography Competition:** Halima El-Zahab, Rossel Alobeidi, Alae Jamous and Nadia Abdo

**Australian History Competition:** Princess Dib and Halima Zahab

**VALID Tests:**

Congratulations to the following students who achieved an overall band six (the highest band ) for their VALID examination: Rossel Alobeidi, Muhammad Alwan, Halima El-Zahab and Ahmad Khaled

**South West Connect Award:** Ameera Kanj

**Australian Defence Force award:** Halima El-Zahab.

**Values Award:** Sania Owais and Mona Hammoud

**Consistent Effort Awards**

Ayah Awad, Samir Saddiq and Ahmad Khaled

**Achievement Awards:** Iyad Mohammed, Abdifatah Mohammed, Alae Jamous, Muhammad Nachar and Yasmin Bajouri

**Principal Awards:** Muhammad Alwan, Sabrina Kfoury, Malak Kabbout, Rossel Alobeidi and Yassmin Kabbout

**Caltex All Rounder Award:** Muhammad Alwan

**USYD - The University of Sydney Academic Excellence Award:** Halima El-Zahab

**Most Outstanding Student of Year Ten -** Halima El-Zahab

**Sports person of the year:** Wahib Hassan and Aiyah Marabani

**Age Champions:** Abdullah Zahab and Nourel Houda Al Hafedh

## 2019 Year Ten Graduation

### SRC Awards:

SRC members: Amar Nabilssi and Yasmin Bajouri  
 Vice Captains: Aiyah Marabani and Majdaldeen Sidaoui  
 Class Captains: Muhammad Alwan and Alae Jamous

### Chanting Band Awards:

Muhammad Alwan, Omar El-Sayed, Alae Jamous, Houssam Jamous, Nada Kerdi, Omar Mallah, Aiyah Marabani, Ahmad Massalkhi, Muhammad Nachar, Majdaldeen Sidaoui, Halima El-Zahab and Abdullah Zahab.



## Secondary Gold Award Achievers Excursion

On Wednesday 4 December 2019, selected high school Gold Award recipients were given the opportunity to attend a special excursion to Luna Park, Sydney. This incentive scheme was designed to give instant recognition for the efforts of students in all years who achieved fifteen merit certificate and who worked exceptionally well in all classes and contributed positively to the school community. This year, we had over seventy five students from the Year Seven - Ten cohort being the recipients of gold awards and to recognise their academic and excellent behaviour, the school rewarded the students with an excursion to Luna Park.

It was an exciting and exhilarating day whereby the students and teachers had plenty of fun, going on all the variety of rides, especially most students enjoyed going on the Hair Raiser, Ferris Wheel, Dodgem Cars, Cooney Island and the Ranger.

By the end of the day, the students were exhausted on the bus ride back to school. The teachers and school helpers acknowledged the outstanding behaviour displayed by the students throughout the excursion.

A big congratulations to all the students for their excellent behaviour and academic excellence throughout the year.



## Year Seven - Nine End of Year Award Ceremony

Friday 6 December 2019 marked the end of year award for Year Seven - Nine students. The presentation ceremony began with the MC student Khadija Abdallah introducing Omar Alwan for a beautiful Qur'anic recitation from the Holy Qur'an. This was followed with the college principal Mr Ayman Alwan address which emphasised 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 who guides the students to a path of moderation free from extremism. Mr Alwan reflected on the 2019 academic year with the improvement in NAPLAN and HSC results, an increase in class averages and the introduction of various technology and communication mediums including Igloo, Moodle and Class Dojo to ensure a more effective collaboration between the school and the parents. He congratulated the SRC student body for their positive contribution towards the school and community-based initiatives.

This was proceeded with a religious lesson by Shaykh Samer Alshafie Alzhary who provided a general advice to the students and emphasised on the importance of seeking the obligatory knowledge and spending time wisely during the holidays. A video was played which projected and showcased the school's 2019 academic and community-based achievements. This was proceeded with an Arabic speech by Year Seven student, Maysa Masri who emphasised on 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 anticipating event of the morning was the award ceremony which highlighted student's achievements from across the Year Seven - Nine cohort based on either their academic, sporting and extra-curricular participation.

On behalf of Al Amanah College, we wish all students and their families a happy and safe holiday. Looking forward to seeing everyone energised and motivated for the 2020 academic year.

A big congratulations goes out to all the 2019 award recipients.

### Special Achievement Awards 2019

- Robotics team: Ziyad Mohammed, Mohammed Elibaid, Imran Aboulhaf, Zayaria Kanj, Moses Baltaji, Yousef Hakouz, Mustafa El Behti, Dora Rajab, Tazmeen Adnan Khan, Noor El Cheikh Khalil, Ammatullah Zoobi and Amani Ibrahim
- Big Science Competition Distinction award: Mohammad Hussein
- Australian Geography Competition High Distinction award: Muhammed Dayyan
- Australian History Competition Distinction Award: Maysa El Masri
- English Award: Lyman Zeinelabdein
- Arabic Award: Khadija Abdallah
- Most Outstanding Award: Maysa Masri

### Principal Awards

- Year Seven: Adam Khashashneh, Muhammad Dayyan, Jacob Alsawafi, Samia Owais.
- Year Eight: Ziyad Mohammed, Hadi Tabbara, Moustafa Al Hafedh, Yousef Hakouz, Omar Alwan and Avan Rawanduz.
- Year Nine: Khadija Abdallah, Sarah Shwan, Fatima Azzhara, Sara Alaany Dhafer, Amal El Faki and Shorooq Khashashneh

### Achievement Awards

- Year Seven: Mariam Srour, Nour Al Kasem, Aiyad Hassan, Zaenab Al Qubra, Asiyah Kanj, Dalia Rawanduz, Jasmine El-Kabbout and Moses Baltaji.
- Year Eight: Siham Nachar, Mohamad Abdo, Aliah Hassan, Dora Rajab, Samira Eid, Zakaria Kanj, Amani Ibrahim, Yousef Elmalhy and Liyana Kabbout.
- Year Nine: Shayma Abdul-Al, Mohamed Hussein, Sherwan Khalil, Javairya Rajpoutbhatti, Fariza Tanzim and Lujain El Sayed, Fouad Maarbani, Fawzi Abu Swireh, Kamal Hassan and Isha Shah.

### Consistent Effort Awards

- Year Seven: Sedra Schanan, Nayta Qadir, Ayman Ali, Dounia El Masri, Shams Al Zubaidy, Abdullah Jirjees, Tania Rawanduz, Ahmad El-Saj and Dina Rawanduz.
- Year Eight: Kawthar Aldhalimi, Omar Hussien, Reyan Baig, Yusuf Khazma, Davin Saleh and Maysa Ibrahim.
- Year Nine: Nisrene Arnaout, Marwan Bajouri, Muhammad Ismail Dabboussi, Zakaria Abdallah, Aayan Rashid and Muhammad Hussain.

### Values Award:

- Sedra Schanan, Sameer Raheel, Rehana Syed. Sofia Saydawi, Akram El Bandar, Mustafa Al Khateeb, Sarah Hakouz, Lyman Zeinelabdein and Sania Zaman.

### Sports Awards:

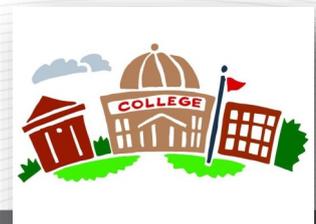
#### Age Champion

- Year Seven: Alyssa El Masri and Mousa Arnaout
- Year Eight: Dalia Diab and Mustafa Al Khateeb
- Year Nine: Levalia Moukhallati and Adnan Tebbo

#### Sports Person of the Year

- Year Seven: Yara Hammad and Jacob Alsawafi
- Year Eight: Reyan Baig and Mahmoud Massalkhi
- Year Nine: Nesrine Arnaout and Muhammad Al Khateeb

A big congratulations to all the dedicated and hardworking students who contributed and were actively engaged in the SRC, choir and chanting band.



## Year Seven - Nine End of Year Award Ceremony



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## 2019 Al Amanah Leaders and Mentors Camp December

As part of the national chaplaincy programme, Al Amanah College held its leaders and mentors camp for its fourth year in row, the camp took place at cataract scout park between Saturday 7 December and Tuesday 10 December 2019. Year 9, 10 and 12 students attended the Leaders and Mentors Camp at Cataract Scout Park with the school Imam Sheikh Amr Alshelh, the school's PE teacher Mr Mohammed Taiba, Canteen staff, a parent helper Mr Abdallah and two ex-graduates Shadi Khazaal and Muhammad Hazarvi as helpers.

The camp was based on a new initiative implemented by the school's Imam in order to educate and instil Islamic ethics and manners in order to provide the foundation to build a stronger cohort of leaders amongst the school and wider community.

The camp involved the students undertaking approximately two sessions of religious lectures per day in the area of the personal obligatory knowledge. Each session was closely followed by an individual study session whereby each student was asked to revise what they had learnt from each lecture. In addition, students were given an opportunity to learn, and grow into a team that looks towards bettering the Australian Muslim community into the future. The camp involved many different learning activities including team-bonding and leadership skill sessions, which were complemented by participating and enduring the challenging Giant Swing and rock-climbing outdoor activities.

The leaders and mentors camp will remain one of the most remarkable memories for all the students, they all grew closer to one another and developed a special bond during moments such as the Islamic lectures, feasts, prayer, night walks, late night talks and various activities. We would like to thank the school's Imam Sheikh Alshelh for organising this camp and a special thanks to all teachers and volunteer helpers who made camp feel like home by providing the students with the support they needed.

We ask Allah to strengthen us and to protect our children and enable them to spread the true knowledge of Islam, in a peaceful and harmonious way.

Mr Ayman Alwan  
Principal



## 2019 Liverpool Young Achievers

It gives us great pleasure to announce the recipient of a prestigious award by Liverpool Council given to Danna Rajab of Year Twelve. The award was given as a recognition to a student who has excelled in citizenship, academic studies, artistic endeavours, or sporting proficiency. On 9 December 2019, Danna Rajab was invited to attend a ceremony with the Liverpool City Council, in order to be awarded a Certificate of Academic Achievement, along with a prize of \$1000.

Upon arriving, she was presented the award by City Mayor Wendy Waller. Mayor Wendy Waller discussed the importance of cross-curriculum learning, particularly in the subject of Chemistry, which has innovatively - introduced strands of literacy and numeracy in order to cater for students with expertise in other areas of study.

A very deserving recipient and on behalf of Al Amanah College we wish her all the very best for her HSC in 2020!



Al Amanah College recipient: Danna Rajab

## Senior Student Advice – Summer Break

The first term of studies in the HSC class of 2017 is drawing to an end. It is essential for senior students to devote some time towards their learning during the upcoming summer break while also enjoying a well-deserved break! It is strongly advised that the 2017 HSC class engage in:

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

Learning resources will continue to be available on Moodle and it is a great pathway to remain engaged with academic work. Mr Nand will continue to be available via email over the break in the event you have any queries regarding your volunteer work and or record keeping for university related applications in 2019.

# SUMMER BREAK

## What is Healthy?

Good health – for you and your children – is all about striking the right balance between healthy eating and regular physical activity.

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

### The good news...

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

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

### ....and the bad news

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

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

To help stay fit and healthy, children should:

- ◆ Get active each day
- ◆ Choose water as a drink
- ◆ Eat more fruit and vegies
- ◆ Turn off the TV or computer and get active
- ◆ Eat fewer snacks and select healthier alternatives



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

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