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Letter from the Principal

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

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

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

We are in very turbulent times indeed! I sincerely thank Mrs Dabboussi, Ms Sahyouni along with the school's Head Teachers and Stage Leaders who continue to lead our students' learning and wellbeing as smoothly as is possible in these uncertain times. My special thanks to our dedicated staff for their high level of care, patience and professionalism they have been displaying during the online learning period.

Our school is very quiet! Every day brings a new challenge – Year 12 students in the greater Sydney region will not be returning to schools to undertake their trial examinations on-site, rather they will undertake their Trials through an online/ open book format. I have notified all Year 12 students and parents of this late change and will continue to update them as each piece of information comes to us. The feedback from the online parent-teacher meetings has again been very positive with many more parents and carers able to attend than is the case when these are held at school. While I know that some families would prefer to have these meetings in person, at school, I know all families appreciate this alternative opportunity.

It appears that online learning will continue for some time with the Covid case numbers increasing. I am grateful to families for supporting your children's learning at home and I know our teachers also appreciate your ongoing support.

Student and staff wellbeing are a priority for the school during this period of uncertainty. Teachers are conducting a number of wellbeing initiatives each week to support your children who are isolated from their friends. Nothing can replace the interpersonal experiences of actually being at school and in classrooms, however, we unfortunately have no control over this at this time. Please encourage your children to reach out to our welfare committee and religion department. I encourage you to do the same if they need any assistance with managing their moods, their learning schedules and / or their levels of motivation. We will continue to provide regular wellbeing advice and resources through this newsletter, via igloo, Moodle and through the Year Advisor wellbeing activities for students.

One of the most important components of a school's success is having a healthy and supportive communication between families and the school. This positive relationship is one of the key factors that carries students to great achievements. I kindly ask all parents to give importance to this matter and stay connected with the school.

I send all our families my best wishes and many positive thoughts as we all plough on through the lockdown.

May Allah protect our children, our families and our communities from any form of harm or illness.

Yours sincerely,

Ayman Alwan

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