

# **AL NOORI NEWS**

# **Al Noori Muslim School**

Our mission is for all students to be empowered, resilient and future-focused.

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#### SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Assalamu 'alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu.

Alhamdulilah for a positive end to the unforgettable 2021. This year presented many challenges and tests for our school. A good indication of our success was seen in our perseverance, patience, grit and adaptability to the ever-changing circumstances and restrictions surrounding COVID. Over the last two weeks, we celebrated: Kindergarten, Year 6 and Year 12 Graduation and K-12 Academic Award Presentations. The photos through this newsletter snapshot the happiness, joy, and gratitude our students experienced in the last few weeks of school.

A special thank you to our entire school community for the unwavering support and cooperation throughout 2021. Thank you also to the many staff members who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that our students continued to experience the love of learning whether remotely or on-site. We are closing the chapter of 2021 and look forward to returning to face-to-face teaching and learning in 2022.

# WHOLE SCHOOL

#### **TERM DATES**

#### Term 1 – 10 Weeks

Monday 31st January 2021 to Friday 8th April 2021

**2 Week Holiday** Monday 11th April 2021 to Tuesday 26th April 2021

#### Term 2 – 10 Weeks

Wednesday 27th April 2021 to Friday 1st July 2021

**2 Week Holiday** Monday 4th July 2021 to Monday 18th July 2021

#### Term 3 – 10 Weeks

Tuesday 19th July 2021 to Friday 23rd September 2021

#### 1 Week Holiday

Monday 26th September 2021 to Monday 3rd October 2021

#### Term 4 – 10 Weeks

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to Wednesday 7th December 2021

#### 7 Week Holiday

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM DEPARTMENT

The School Uniform Information and the **Uniform Ordering Procedure** has been updated to include COVID-19 safe practices, which are in line with the advice from NSW Health and NSW Government.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and Work, Health and Safety legislation, the Uniform Shop will only operate online until further notice. Size charts have been included in the order form for your convenience. We encourage all parents to purchase their 2021/2022 school uniforms as soon as possible to avoid delays as stock is being delayed due to COVID-19 implications.

The wearing of the Al Noori Muslim School uniform is compulsory for all students. The school expects students to wear the uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when engaged in school activities out of school hours.

Please note that the School Uniform Department is closed until 28 January 2022. Parents may wish to order online during the summer break; however, the orders will not be processed until 28 January 2022. Please find below the instructions and link with how to order your child's school uniform for 2021 or 2022.

#### **Primary School Uniform Orders**

**Option 1:** Click on the link: https://forms.office.com/r/DLbQLj6AYh

#### **Option 2:**

Use your phone or tablet camera to access the form using the following QR Code below:



#### **High School Uniform Orders**

Option 1: Click on the link: https://forms.office.com/r/wVE3ZBhh7S

#### Option 2:

Use your phone or tablet camera to access the form using the following QR Code below



#### **Refunds / Exchanges**

There will be no refunds/returns on any items purchased from the Uniform Department. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, exchanges are limited. Some exchanges may be ONLY allowed upon presentation of a receipt and items must also be in original condition with tags still attached. Due to Health Regulations, there is NO exchange on hats or hijabs (regardless of whether the packet has not been opened). Please use the chart sizes in the form to guide your selection.

Parents wishing to exchange an item must email the Uniform Department at <u>uniform@alnoori.nsw.edu.au</u> for instructions.

# WELLBEING WRAP-UP FROM THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

We would like you all to take a moment to congratulate yourselves and your families on getting through a challenging year. Alhamdulillah, as we reach the end of another successful schooling year, we would like to remind you to make the most of the break ahead. Given that restrictions have eased, start ticking off those items from your family bucket lists! Go on that trip you have been holding off on, visit family and loved ones, enjoy the summer breeze at the park or beach - the possibilities are endless!

Remember to be mindful of the time your children are spending on technology and ensure that it is not excessive. Spend precious family time together, implement a healthy routine to enhance your children's overall wellbeing and make the most of your time together as a family. If your children will be utilising their devices, caution must be exercised to ensure ageappropriate use of social media, gaming, movie-viewing and overall internet use.

Some things to keep in mind this break to safeguard your children's technology use include:

- Keep all devices in a shared room or visible space. This applies to the use of phones, laptops, tablets, television, gaming consoles etc.
- The minimum age to sign up to most social media networks including Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Discord, Tiktok etc. is 13-years-old, hence almost all primary school students are not eligible to have such accounts.
- Cyber-safety is crucial. Ensure you are having discussions with your children about the safe disclosure of information and explain to them the risks associated with sharing personal information online and the uncertainty of who they may be speaking to behind a screen.
- Protect your children from viewing inappropriate content through restricting their access to certain websites and activate parental controls on devices.
- Encourage your child to report anything which makes them feel uncomfortable to you or a trusted adult and seek support as needed.
- Strike a healthy balance between time allowed on devices and time spent outdoors.

We hope that you all utilise these holidays to create everlasting memories together as a family. We encourage you all to rest, rejuvenate and recharge in preparation for an even more successful 2022 schooling year inshaAllah.

# **KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6**

#### KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

### Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

We are so proud of our Kindergarten students' growth, development, and academic success. They have proven to be resilient little learners.

The End of Year Graduation, Award Presentation and Class Picnics were a great way to wrap up such a unique year.

The kindergarten teachers were privileged to work with the amazing students and their parents and wish our wonderful students all the best in 2022.

### **Congratulations K Yellow**



**Congratulations K Red** 



**Congratulations K Orange** 



## **Congratulations K Blue**



**Congratulations K Purple** 



**Congratulations K Green** 



# YEAR 1, HERE WE COME!





### YEAR 6 GRADUATION

We would like to wish the Year 6 students all the best as they conclude their primary schooling and embark on a new journey in the high school.







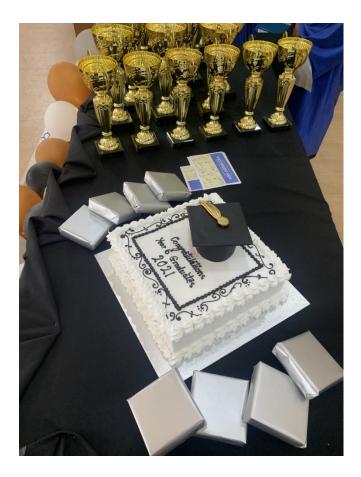




Congratulations to all our Year 6 students. We are proud of their talent, perseverance, and academic success. Our advice to our students is to AIM HIGH, WORK HARD & ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS and this is encapsulated in the famous quote by Nelson Mandela:

# "EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD."

- Nelson Mandela



# WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST IN YEAR 7!



#### END OF YEAR AWARD CEREMONY

The Year 1- Year 5 End of Year Award Ceremonies were held in Week 9 to celebrate our students' success. We are proud of all our students. They have worked hard and always tried their best. Their strength, resilience and determination has helped them achieve great things in 2021.

Congratulations to all the award recipients!



#### **TERM 1 2022 RETURN TO SCHOOL**

Term 1, 2022 will begin on Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> of January. The return to school schedule is as follows:

#### 2022 Kindergarten

Start Date: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2022/ Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2022/ Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2022. School Hours: 9:00am – 3:20pm Campus & Gate: K-4 Campus- Entry & Exit Via Greenacre Rd

# More information will be released in January 2022 2022 Year 1

Start Date: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2022 School Hours: 8:30am -3:20pm Campus & Gate: K-4 Campus- Entry & Exit Via Greenacre Rd

#### 2022 Year 2

Start Date: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2022 School Hours: 8:30am -3:20pm Campus & Gate: K-4 Campus- Entry & Exit Via Noble Ave

#### 2022 Year 3

Start Date: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2022 School Hours: 8:30am - 3:20pm Campus & Gate: K-4 Campus- Entry & Exit Via Noble Ave

#### 2022 Year 4

Start Date: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2022 School Hours: 8:30am -3:20pm Campus & Gate: K-4 Campus- Entry & Exit Via Noble Ave

#### 2022 Year 5

Start Date: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2022 School Hours: 8:30am -3:20pm Campus & Gate: Stage 3 Campus – Entry & Exit Via Mimosa Rd

#### 2022 Year 6

Start Date: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2022 School Hours: 8:30am -3:20pm Campus & Gate: Stage 3 Campus – Entry & Exit Via Mimosa Rd

# YEAR 7 TO YEAR 12

#### PARENT TEACHER FEEDBACK SESSIONS

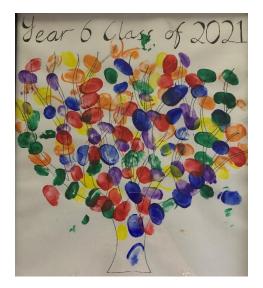
Over the last three weeks, Years 7-10 teachers have been engaging in phone feedback sessions with parents following the Yearly Examinations. Further phone interviews to support your child's educational journey will be made in early 2022.

#### YEARLY REPORTS

Parents will be able to access their child's Yearly Reports through the Sentral Parent Portal. Please download and view your child's report and promotional status for 2022.

#### YEAR 7 AND NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

As a result of COVID restrictions, our orientation for Year 6 and new students starting high school in 2022 were postponed until the first week back in 2022. Students and their parents were emailed an orientation booklet and will be contacted at the start of the academic year.



#### YEARS 7-10 BACK TO SCHOOL WEEK

#### **Wellbeing Focus**

Years 7-10 returned to school in Week 9 to participate in exam feedback sessions, wellbeing activities, sport, and social time with their peers. It was a wonderful culmination of the online learning period for both students and staff.

We thank the parents who supported the school's decision to prioritise safety and wellbeing during the tumultuous COVID period. We anticipate a regular return to school in the 2022 academic year.

#### AHBAAB AL MAHBOOB

Thank you to our wonderful and very own nasheed group, Ahbaab Al Mahboob, who presented their melody of nasheeds at the Years 7-12 Award Presentation ceremonies during Week 9.



#### END OF YEAR ASSEMBLIES

Congratulations to all the award recipients from Years 7-11 who received awards. We want to thank the SRC students for their inspirational speeches and the teachers for their dedication to their students' learning throughout the year. We share a snapshot of our favourite quotes from the SRC members' speeches:

"What I've learnt in lockdown is to appreciate going to school every day and appreciate what teachers have done for us." Lana Natfaji, 7G1

"The past year has been one chaotic roller coaster ride, yet with perseverance and faith in Allah it has resulted in tranquillity in our hearts." **Mohamed Homsi, 8B1** 

"We have come to an end of this year, holidays awaiting us and we can have a well-deserved break for all teachers and students. **Ellah Alameddine, 9G2** 

Overall, we have grown physically and mentally this year. We have learnt new skills and life lessons. Although this year has been slightly rocky and difficult to overcome, we strived through it and were able to make it to the end. **Bahaa Merheb**, **9B2** 

Many of us learnt to appreciate the many things that were taken away, coming to school, hanging with friends and family, leisure activities and even our simple trip to the shops. As we come to acknowledge these circumstances, we understand what we have lost in this pandemic and these series of lockdowns. But I don't stand here today to ponder on our losses but to focus on what we have gained out of this turbulent experience. **Aya Ali, 10G1**  Aristotle Onassis said, "It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light." With the increased expectations that came with being a Year 10 student to the months of lockdown we had to patiently endure, we must remember that no matter how hard life may hit us, darkness will never take over because it is often in the darkest skies that we see the brightest stars. Bahaa-el-Din Taleb, 10B1



"Allah (SWT) says in the Quraan, 'For indeed, with hardship will be ease.' What a year 2021 has come to be! I am sure we can all agree that the year 2021 was not just a turbulent year for all of us, it was a year full of tests; of our health, our patience, wealth, and wellbeing. May Allah (SWT) make it easy for all of us." **Dalya Kamali, 8G3** 



### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Awarded to students first in each subject in 2021

Year 7	
English	Tahmid Mohsin
Mathematics	Syed Mihsan Quddusi
Science	Muath Al Shahoumi
PDHPE	Sulfah Hassan
Design and Technology	Syed Mihsan Quddusi
Visual Arts	Aminah Zara
Arabic	Muath Al Shahoumi
Quran and Islamic	Zaynab Noor
Studies	



Year 8	
English	Ruba Samour
Mathematics	Shara Sarowar
Science	Shara Sarowar
PDHPE	Ruba Samour
Design and Technology	Shara Sarowar
History	Shara Sarowar
Geography	Shara Sarowar
Arabic	Ruba Samour
Quran and Islamic	Ruba Samour
Studies	Alvina Ahmad
	Aaya Hamada



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# **EMPOWERED LEADERS**

Year 10	
English	Tasin Wahid
Mathematics Accelerated	Tasin Wahid
Mathematics	Layanne El Asmar
Science Accelerated	Tala El Kass
Science	Rumaisa Zaman
PDHPE	Layanne El Asmar
	Asma Al Zeidat
Information Software and	Hilel Ajaj
Technology	
History	Muhid Khan
Visual Design	Yara Natfaji
Commerce	Romaisa Farooq
Quran and Islamic	Haris Naeem
Studies	







Year 11		
English Advanced	Emad Merhi	
English Standard	Tahiyah Khan	
Mathematics Advanced	Obadah Meqdadi	
Mathematics Standard	Jad Sabini	
Mathematics Extension	Haisum Murad	
Biology	Nada Abdellah	
Physics	Obadah Meqdadi	
Chemistry	Wafiq Chowdhury	
Earth and Environmental	Semiha Abu Bakr	
Sciences		
Business Studies	Nabiha Nawar	
Legal Studies	Mariam Hamouda	
Studies of Religion 2Unit	Izma Jamshed	
Studies of Religion 1Unit	Nasr Mohammed	
Society and Culture	Azeeza Chelihi	
PDHPE	Ayah Adra	

Year 12		
HSC English Advanced	Halima Homaisi	
HSC English Standard	Annam Metleg	
HSC Mathematics	Annam Metleg	
Advanced		
HSC Mathematics	Sumaya Rajab	
Standard 2		
HSC Mathematics	Yusuf Dernaika	
Extension 1 Muhammad Ijaz		
HSC Mathematics	Muhammad Ijaz	
Extension 2		
HSC Biology	Aya Bargachoun	
HSC Physics Muhammad Ijaz		
HSC Chemistry	Aya Bargachoun	
HSC Earth &	Sumaya Rajab	
Environmental Sciences		
HSC Modern History	Mahdiyyah Noorgat	
HSC Business Studies	Halima Homaisi	
HSC Legal Studies Hana Derbas		
HSC Studies of Religion	Mahdiyyah Noorgat	
2 Unit		
HSC Studies of Religion	Muaaz Islam	
1 Unit		
HSC Society & Culture	Sumaya Rajab	
HSC PDHPE	Sumaya Rajab	

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Awarded to students who have demonstrated the most marked improvement in application and results throughout the year

Year 7	Hamdan Sirrajuddin Fatimah Patel
Year 8	Omar Dib & Jana Nachar
Year 9	Belal Aouad & Dana Thahir
Year 10	Khaled Shablak & Sarah El Zahab
Year 11	Jad Sabini & Fayza Akil
Year 12	Daniel Aiche & Hafsa Ayaz

#### **CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

Awarded to students who have a positive sense of school spirit and contribute to school projects

Year 7	Saad Waqas Aminah Zara
Year 8	Abdelmoiz Ghesmoune Naureen Mostafa
Year 9	Ali Al Mohammad Moumen Sahyouni Siham Elsamman Aleeyah Metleg
Year 10	Abdullah Arja Enasha Uddin
Year 11	Ahmad Shuaib Aya Shatnawi
Year 12	Nour Haddad Dema Jarrar

#### LEADING BY EXAMPLE AWARD

Awarded to students who demonstrate excellent behaviour & morals and who consistently reflect the school's Islamic ethos

Year 7	Malek Saboune & Somayya Matthews
Year 8	Adam Allam & Alvina Ahmad
Year 9	Tazkir Hossain & Shiffaa Matthews
Year 10	Hilel Ajaj & Meh Noor Ahmad
Year 11	Mohammad Ali Khan & Izma Jamshed
Year 12	Uzayr Patel & Annam Metleg

### DUX OF THE YEAR AWARD

Sulfah Hassan, Year 7 Shara Sarowar, Year 8 Anhaar Kareem, Year 9 Tasin Wahid, Year 10 Nabiha Nawar, Year 11 Annam Metleg, Year 12

My success comes only through Allah. 11:88

#### YEAR 12 GRADUATION

The Graduation Committee are grateful that the COVID restrictions eased enough for us to celebrate the successes and achievements of our Year 12 cohort.

We extend our appreciation to the school's Board of Directors and the Principal who hosted the Year 12 school community. We also thank the parents and teachers for their commitment to the students' learning and look forward to sharing our students results and personal accomplishments in the 2022 newsletters A special congratulations to Annam Metleg for achieving the Dux of the Year award. A \$1000 gift cheque was awarded to her from the school.



#### **HIGH ACHIEVER AWARDS**

Ranked second place in Year 12: Sumaya Rajab Ranked third place in Year 12: Muhammad Ijaz



# **INSPIRATIONAL LEARNERS**







# CONFIDENT LIFELONG LEARNERS



We wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Wassalaam

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**Mr Ali Kak** Principal