



# 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.

It is great to see all the students settling back into the school routines. Thank you to all the parents for your support in returning to school under the present COVID-19 conditions and abiding by our COVID-19 Safe Plan. The students have been supportive in following the cohorting, mask wearing, and social distancing rules. The school has so far been relatively lucky with only a small number of positive cases in students and staff. We encourage you to continue to use the school provided RAHT tests and contact the school and register with NSW Health if you receive a positive result.

The last four weeks have shown signs of positive student engagement. It is great to see many co-curricular activities being organised such as the NRMA Science Road Safety Show and SRC Leadership Workshop. We encourage all students to participate in the many and varied co-curricular activities on offer at Al Noori Muslim School.

## CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12 2021

On behalf of the Al Noori Muslim School board, staff, and community, we would like to congratulate our Year 12 cohort on their excellent achievements in the 2021 Higher School Certificate. As a culmination of the hard work and dedication of students and staff over their schooling career, our students have achieved their personal best results in all their subjects.

In 2021, the school has not only achieved great results, but also built on their success, Alhamdulillah. This is not a small feat, considering the challenges of 2020 and 2021. We are grateful to Allah (SWT) for the success He has granted us and ask that He continue to shower His blessings on our school community.

Alhamdulillah, we are pleased to inform our school community of the following exemplary achievements:

- Aya Barghachoun, Aneeqa Khan, Yumna Khan, Annam Metleg, Mahdiyyah Noorgat and Sumaya Rajab achieved Band 6 results in all their subjects, placing them on *NESA's All-Round Achievers' Merit List*.
- Aya Barghachoun who achieved a state rank of 5<sup>th</sup> in English Standard.
- Annam Metleg who achieved a state rank of 9<sup>th</sup> in English Standard.
- Sumaya Rajab who achieved a state rank of 8<sup>th</sup> in Earth and Environmental Science.
- **Six** students achieved ATARs above 98.00, Aya Barghachoun (**99.60**), Annam Metleg (**99.20**), Muhammad Ijaz (**98.90**), Aneeqa Khan (**98.80**), Halima Homaisi (**98.50**) and Yumna Khan (**98.00**).
- From our cohort of 73 students, **55** of them were listed on the NESA Distinguished Achievers' List. These students achieved a result of over 90 in one or more exams, totalling **125** Band 6 results.
- In 2021, **over 45 percent** of the students achieved ATARs of 90 or above.
- The school achieved a State Rank of **4<sup>th</sup> in Mathematics Standard, 12<sup>th</sup> in Mathematics, Mathematic Extension I, Mathematics Extension II, 16<sup>th</sup> in English Standard and 17<sup>th</sup> in English (Advanced), Extension I, Extension II.**

**The culmination of these outstanding results has placed Al Noori Muslim School at a state ranking of 32nd in NSW.**

Congratulations to all the Year 12 Al Noori Muslim School students. We look forward to building on the achievements of 2021 and attain the standard of excellence that Al Noori Muslim School has always valued and worked towards. It is with the dedication of

the school community that we will continue to celebrate our school's successes in the future, insha'Allah.

**Well done to the following students who achieved Band 6 (the top band in the HSC) results in the following subjects offered at the school:**

English Standard	English Advanced
Yusra Arain Aya Barghachoun Annam Metleg Sumaya Rajab	Maymounah Awad Ruqaya Doureih Hana Derbas Halima Homaisi Arfi Hoque Aneeqa Khan Tasnim Khan Yumna Khan Mahdiyyah Noorgat Siam Rahman Fatima Sohail
Maths Standard 2	Maths Advanced
Ridah Akbar Hafsa Ayaz Eman Dannoun Zahra El-Cheikh Dema Jarrar Rawan Khalil Tasnim Khan Jinan Khazal Raffat Kouzaiha Daania Pao Rahin Rahman Sumaya Rajab Omar Shiyab Ayat Tizani	Daniel Aiche Fayza Akil Ahmad Al Jabouri Aqilah Ali Mohammad Ali Khan Adnan Annous Wafiq Chowdhury Rayann Doha Rabi Hamze Halima Homaisi MD Nahian Islam Muaaz Islam Yumna Khan Ibrahim Matthews Emad Merhi Annam Metleg Haisum Murad Nabiha Nawar Mahdiyyah Noorgat Uzayr Patel Abdullah Tasnim
Maths Extension 1	Maths Extension 2
Hamza Assoum Yusuf Dernaika Muhammad Ijaz Aneeqa Khan Tameem Khan Annam Metleg Areeha Nasir	Hamza Assoum Yusuf Dernaika Muhammad Ijaz Aneeqa Khan
Earth and Environmental Science	Physics
Eman Dannoun Jinan Khazal Sumaya Rajab	Muhammad Ijaz Annam Metleg
Biology	Legal Studies
Ahmad Al Jabouri	Maymounah Awad

Hamza Assoum Aya Barghachoun Wafiq Chowdhury Yumna Khan Jinan Khazal Emad Merhi Nabiha Nawar Aya Shatnawi	Hafsa Ayaz Hana Derbas Rawan Khalil Tasnim Khan Yumna Khan
<b>Business Studies</b>	<b>Studies of Religion (2 Unit)</b>
Daniel Aiche Aqilah Ali Yusra Arain Maymounah Awad Aya Barghachoun Hana Derbas Yusuf Dernaika Ruqaya Doureih Zahraa El-Cheikh Amira El-Zaghir Halima Homaisi Aneeqa Khan Tasnim Khan Umar Khan Yumna Khan Jinan Khazal Annam Metleg Mahdiyyah Noorgat Siam Rahman Fatima Sohail	Yusra Arain Maymounah Awad Amani Chaabou Ruqaya Doureih Amira El-Zaghir Salma Farah Dema Jarrar Rawan Khalil Raffat Kouzaiha Arifa Muzammil Mahdiyyah Noorgat
<b>Society and Culture</b>	<b>Studies of Religion (1 Unit)</b>
Ridah Akbar Zahraa El-Chiekh Sumaya Rajab	Muaaz Islam Aneeqa Khan Tasnim Khan Annam Metleg
<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>PDHPE</b>
Aya Barghachoun Halima Homisi Aneeqa Khan	Sumaya Rajab

## COVID-19 SAFE PLAN UPDATE

The health and wellbeing of our students and staff continues to be a top priority, and the measures set out in our COVID-19 Safe Plan are designed to help keep our school open and our students learning in the classroom.

Today the NSW Premier and Minister of Education announced a move from surveillance testing in schools conducted for the first 4 weeks of Term 1, 2022 to the provision of **8 additional tests RAHT kits**. The additional test kits which will be provided to students can be used at your discretion when necessary for your own peace of mind. For example, when a student has COVID-19 symptoms, or if there are cases in their class, or if family members are sick.

Students will receive their additional 8 RAHT kits in the coming week and this will be communicated to all parents via email.

## REGISTER A POSITIVE RAHT RESULT WITH NSW HEALTH

It is a requirement to report to Services NSW any positive results from a RAHT kit. If your child tests positive, you must register your child's positive RAHT through Services NSW. Please make sure that you include the school's name when doing so as this will assist NSW Health to track COVID-19 in school and the community and to address any public health issues early on, if required.

Register your positive rapid antigen test result: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/register-positive-rapid-antigen-test-result>

## ISOLATION PERIOD AND RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER TESTING POSITIVE

Any student who tests positive to COVID-19 is required to follow NSW Health requirements under the Public Health Order for testing positive and self-isolation.

Currently, the requirements are:

- isolate for 7 days following the positive test
- leave isolation after 7 days if no symptoms (sore throat, runny nose, cough, or shortness of breath)
- if there are symptoms after 7 days, then remain in isolation until 24 hours after symptoms have resolved. Note: if a person continues to have symptoms, they are able to leave isolation after 7 days with a **medical clearance**. **Please do not send your child to school with symptoms without a medical clearance.**

Students who return a positive RAHT result must register it on the Service NSW app or service.nsw.gov.au website as soon as possible. Students who receive a positive PCR or RAHT result must tell the school as soon as possible and follow NSW Health advice. The Public Health Order requires all students to immediately notify the school of their positive result.

Parents and caregivers may email [enrolments@alnoori.nsw.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@alnoori.nsw.edu.au) to notify the school of their child's positive RAHT result.

NSW Health advice is that once a person who has tested positive has finished their isolation, they do not need to self-isolate or undertake testing (RAHT or PCR) for 28 days unless symptoms reappear even if another member of their household subsequently tests positive.

## MASKS

On Wednesday 23 February 2022, the Premier announced changes to the requirements for masks in schools. From Monday 28 February, masks will no longer be mandatory for staff or students in secondary schools/classes.

Although masks are no longer mandated, staff and students may continue to choose to wear a mask. **The school requests that all visitors to the Administration Office wear a mask when visiting the school as part of the school's risk mitigation strategies.**

Masks continue to be mandatory on public transport. This applies to students aged 12 years and older, and staff when travelling to and from school and during school excursions by public transport or by chartered or private transport services.



## PICK-UPS AND DROP-OFFS

Based on the announcements made by the Premier, from Monday 28 February the school will no longer have staggered dismissal times and all **K-6 classes will start at 8:30am and finish at 3:20 pm.**

## NAPLAN 2022

Our students will complete their NAPLAN assessments from Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May until Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2022.

Students will be assessed on their Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy. All assessments will be completed online, except for the Year 3 Writing task. A timetable specifying the testing days for each class will be released closer to the date.

More information about NAPLAN is available on: [NAPLAN – information for parents and carers](#)

## NCCD COLLECTION

The School Wellbeing Team is currently collecting data to complete the school's requirements for NCCD. The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) takes place every year and is reported to education authorities. Please see the Parent and Carer's Fact sheet for further information regarding NCCD: [Fact sheet for parents, guardians and carers \(nccd.edu.au\)](#)



### WHAT IS THE NCCD?

### Student with disability loading

Funding from the Australian Government for students

If you have any questions about this, please contact the school to speak with one of the High School Welfare Coordinators or the Primary School Psychologists.

## REQUEST FOR STUDENT EXTENDED LEAVE

Parents/guardians requesting leave for their children during the year for any reason must apply to the principal in writing. Approval for request of leave is at the discretion of the principal.

Holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will be included as absences. Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, the following considerations will apply:

- If the principal accepts the reason for the absence, the absence will be marked as approved leave.
- If the principal does not believe the absence is in the student's best interests and does not accept the reason, the leave will not be approved.
- Parents/guardians will be notified if the application for leave/extended leave/travel has been declined

## MEDICAL HEALTH PLANS

If your child has a medical condition that requires a health plan such as asthma or anaphylaxis action plans, as a matter of priority, please email the latest copy to [enrolments@alnoori.nsw.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@alnoori.nsw.edu.au). It is essential that parents regularly inform the school of any updates to their child's health condition, so we are well-informed and equipped to assist your child in the case of illness or injury.

## SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATION

Parents and caregivers are reminded that upon enrolment an agreement to 'support the school and the school policies' has been signed.

Supporting the school and its policies includes adhering to the school's communication policy regarding grievances. Grievances should NEVER be reported or discussed on social media. School staff including teachers and executive members are available to help resolve any grievances.

Discussing grievances, naming staff and students on social media is in breach of the agreement signed upon school enrolments and doing so means risking the enrolment of your children. There are also concerns relating to child protection and confidentiality laws.

The 'Al Noori Parents' Facebook page and Parent WhatsApp groups are not official channels for school communication. **Parents & caregivers are advised against using these channels as they have breached school policies in some of their posts.**

Students should also avoid engaging in social media posts about other students and teachers. Students who are found to be in breach of the school's social media policy will be addressed by a member of the senior executive.

Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.

## KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6

### 2022 KINDERGARTEN

Congratulations to all the Kindergarten students, parents, and teachers for ensuring a very smooth transition to school.

Our students have transitioned wonderfully and have developed very healthy school routines. In their classrooms, they have shown outstanding manners and demonstrate eagerness to learn new things. We are extremely proud of our Kindergarten students.

### K Orange Super Stars



### K Green Super Stars



### K Blue Super Stars



### K Purple Super Stars



### K Red Super Stars



### K Yellow Super Stars



### K White Super Stars



Wishing our wonderful Kindergarten students, a very successful year.

### K-2 SRC

Congratulations to the wonderful students selected to represent their class as prefects. These students have demonstrated outstanding manners, behaviour, and leadership skills.

#### Congratulations Kindergarten Prefects

K Red	Muhannad El-Jamal & Zainab Wilson
K Blue	Amir Chakas & Serene Halawani
K Orange	Omar Zaid & Jezelle Danawe
K Purple	Muhammad Laalaa & Aminah Fardous
K White	Yousef & Khayyira Umam
K Green	Isaac Semawy & Amaliyah Chami
K Yellow	Nouh Ghantous & Camilla- Rose Sabsabi

#### Congratulations Year 1 Prefects

1 Red	Aayan Umar & Sana Osman
1 Blue	Abdullah Roomi & Ayisha Homsy
1 Orange	Ali Al Khair & Mona El-Ali
1 Purple	Ahmed Dehaibi & Amirah Elachkar
1 Green	Idris Tessini & Tahlia Sage
1 Yellow	Mohammed Saleh & Israa Abbas

#### Congratulations Year 2 Prefects

2 Red	Rayan Ahmed Mohammed & Diana Saraya
2 Blue	Aiden Alameddine & Fadia Merheb
2 Orange	Aisha Goolam & Isaac El Hassan
2 Purple	Majed Yaghi & Joanne Nachar
2 Green	Yousuf Kanawati & Safwana Islam
2 Yellow	Hamza Ali & Salwa Masri

The Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Prefects will receive their badges soon.

### YEAR 3-6 SRC

Year 3-6 SRC nominations will be announced this week. Nominated students will campaign until the voting day. Nominated students will receive a letter of 'congratulations' which will advise them of the key dates. Wishing all the nominated student the best of luck.

### MOBILE PHONES & SMART WATCHES

Mobile phones and smart watches must not be brought to school by K-6 students. If families have special circumstances and the child must have a phone, this is to be approved by the Deputy Principal (Primary Campus), Mrs El Zahab.

If approved, the phone is to be handed to Administration Office at the start of the school day and collected in the afternoon.



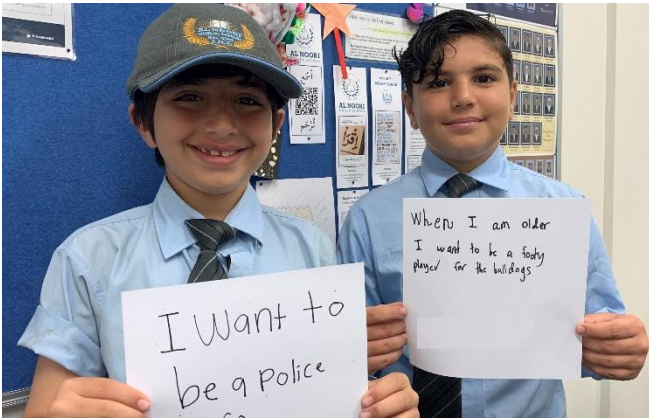
## UNIFORM

All students are expected to attend school in full school uniform. Sports uniform should only be worn on sports day.

**All boys must have short standard hair. Parents of boys with long hair are requested to get their child's hair cut as soon as possible.**

Girls in Years 3-6 must have hijabs on every day.

Students are expected to attend school well presented as this promotes good self-confidence.



## ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Al Noori Muslim School has re-launched the Orphan Sponsorship Program. This program has allowed Al Noori Muslim School students & families to support hundreds of orphans over the last few years.

Sadaqa is a very important pillar of Islam, let's continue to teach our students the importance of giving charity and the impact it can have on the life of an orphan. Friday continues to be Gold Coin Donation Day and teachers will collect orphan sponsorship donations each week.

May Allah swt reward you for your generosity.



**Today is the day to learn something new!**





**Giving our students a chance to practise what they are learning!**



**What we learn becomes a part of who we are!**





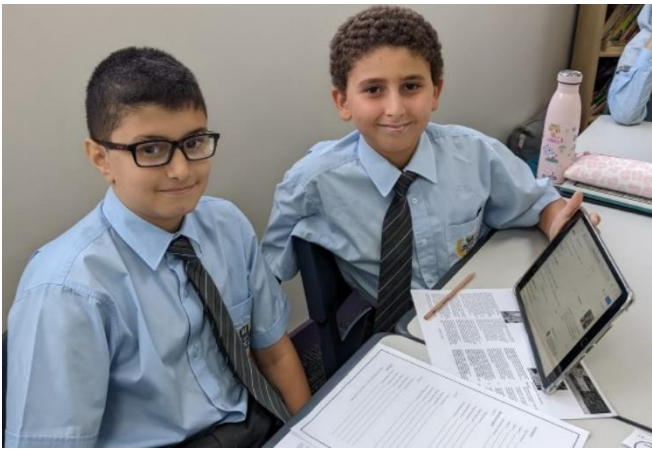


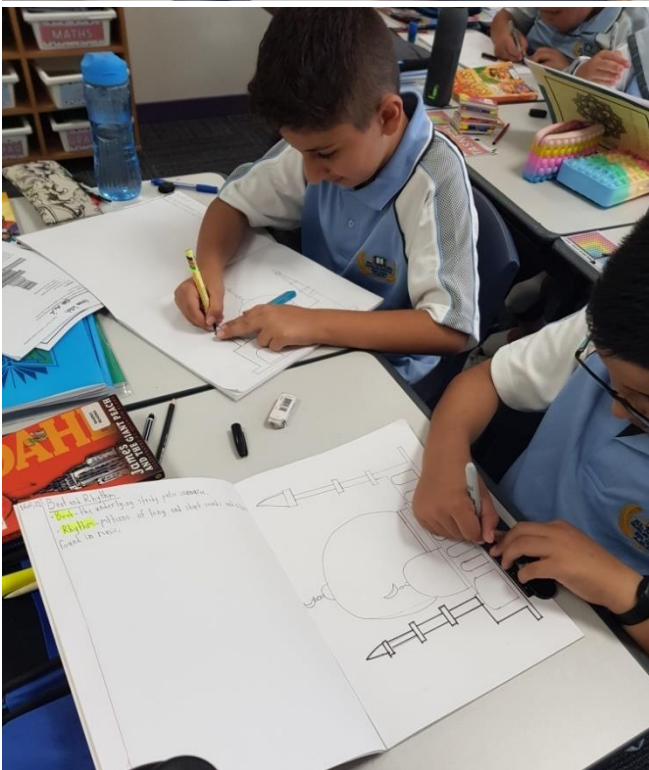
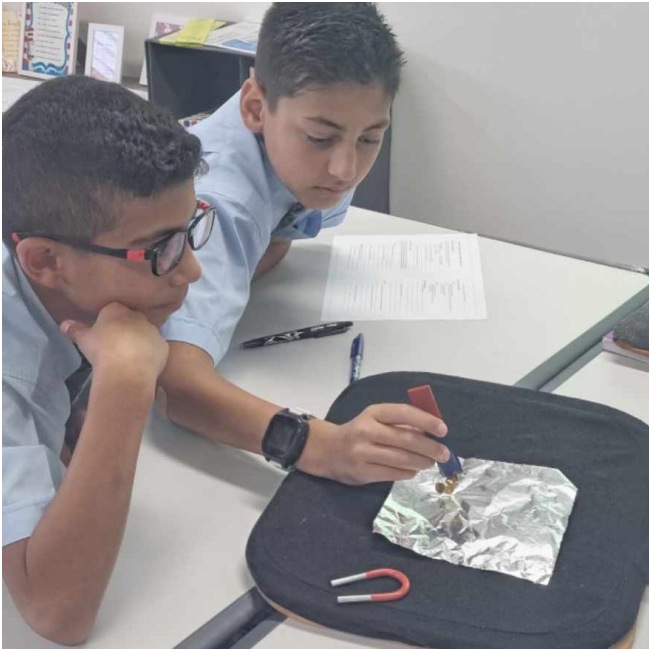
Happy students who are confident & courageous!





**Rich learning experiences just waiting to be explored!**





**We love learning!**



## YEAR 7 TO YEAR 12

### HIGH SCHOOL DUX 2021

Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding academic performance in 2021. They performed at the top of their grade and in recognition for their academic excellence are the 2022 recipients of the AMS Scholarships.

Year 7	Sulfah Hassan
Year 8	Shara Sarowar
Year 9	Anhaar Kareem
Year 10	Yara Natfaji
Year 11	Nabiha Nawar

### SCHOOL RULES

School rules are designed to foster respect, responsibility as well as value self-discipline in our students. Al Noori Muslim School expects high standards of behaviour and appreciates parents supporting the school's policies by reminding their children about maintaining high standards for a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment for all.

Signs of a successful student:

- Is proud to attend school
- Is punctual to school and all lessons i.e. Arrive at school by 8.25am for morning assembly
- Is neatly dressed in full school uniform every single day unless otherwise specified. Wear the school sports uniform for sports classes and sporting activities
- Attends all classes with a positive attitude and ready to learn.

- Follows the school's rules and understands that rules are in place for our safety
- Takes responsibility for keeping school and classroom neat and tidy
- Is empathetic and kind to their peers

## ATTENDANCE

### *"Every day Counts! Student Success starts with Attendance"*

Punctual and regular attendance is vital for your child's successful learning journey. Students should only be absent when unwell or due to circumstances out of their control.

If your child is absent:

- Please respond to the school's SMS regarding their absence or call the school's Administration Office on (02) 8774 3000.
- It is the parents' responsibility to follow up with a written explanation to the roll call teacher. The note must be signed and dated outlining the dates and reason for absence.

If these procedures are not followed, a letter will be sent home for an unexplained absence and parents must complete the information requested and return the letter to the school.

## LATENESS

Students who are late to school, i.e., are not present for the assembly (8:25am) and after roll call (8:40) **must have a parent to sign and collect a late note from the front office.** Punctuality is a priority at our school, and we seek your support in assisting our students to develop good habits.

## EARLY LEAVE

Parents are encouraged to book appointments outside of class time. Early Leave is not permitted after 2:30pm. Students who are aware they are leaving early on a certain day are asked to hand in their phones to the front office for a more efficient collection.

Welfare Coordinators will follow up regular patterns of lateness, early leave or absence and discuss the matter with parents.

## MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Parents are reminded that the school stringently enforces the mobile phone policy and seeks their

support in upholding the values and rules the school is promoting.

- Mobile phones or any other electronic device must be handed in to the Welfare Coordinators prior to the commencement of the school day and collected only at the end of the school day.
- Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school office remains a vital and appropriate point of contact and ensures your child is reached quickly and assisted in any appropriate way.
- Should students be found to be in possession of a mobile phone/ electronic device, the responsible student may face disciplinary action including but not limited to confiscation of the device, device collection by a parent and afternoon detentions.
- The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen, or damaged mobile phones/ electronic devices whilst in the school or travelling to and from the school.

## UNIFORM REMINDERS

The wearing of the Al Noori Muslim School uniform by students is an outward presentation of pride and respect for both self and the school. It helps build self-confidence and a sense of connection and belonging within our community.

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.

During the winter months students must ensure that they are wearing school uniform items only. Non-school items will be confiscated.

### Boys

- Boys need to ensure they are wearing a black belt at all times.
- No jewellery or accessories
- Crew length navy blue socks
- Standard hair-cuts, not unkempt, multi-levelled or long
- Shoes must be closed, leather shoes for safety purposes

### Girls

- *The stitched white scarf is compulsory for all girls.* Girls are expected to purchase this scarf item from the Uniform department as unpinned scarves will no longer be tolerated.
- Crew length navy blue socks
- No jewellery or accessories, make-up/artificial nails/nail polish

- Shoes must be closed, leather shoes for safety purposes

Parents are asked to reiterate the importance of not only wearing the hijab but wearing it correctly and proudly. Girls are constantly reminded that the hijab is a reflection of their faith and pride in their religion.

### ...MY SISTERS AREN'T SO LUCKY...



Anhaar Kareem of Year 10 wonderfully reminds us of the blessing we have in the ability and freedom to wear a hijab to school unlike our sisters in many other countries in the world. Please see her contribution in The Guardian paper last week on the matter of hijab. <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2022/feb/17/i-dont-have-to-choose-between-my-hijab-and-going-to-school-but-my-sisters-arent-so-lucky>



### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Last week, all the junior nominees for the Student Representative Council presented their speeches to their roll classes. The senior students also had the opportunity to present their speeches yesterday afternoon to the Year 10 and Year 11 students and staff. Voting has gone digital! We look forward to congratulating our new SRC body at the ceremony later this term.

Character Development- all future SRC members will be involved in a Leadership Workshop with a focus on character development and Islamic ethos. Students will be supported to become self-directed learners with a

capacity to lead with empathy, compassion, and integrity. The aim is for the SRC students to be positive and proactive role models for their peers.

### SRC INITIATIVES

The outgoing SRC have started the year with passion and enthusiasm recommencing both local and international projects from 2021.

The Orphan Sponsorship Program is an ongoing charity initiative which the SRC actively fundraise and support over the course of the year. Every roll class sponsor and raise funds for an orphan. The bottle collection initiative will also contribute to the Orphan Sponsorship Program.

The Ramadan Food Drive has also commenced, and food will be donated to a local community organisation to assist refugees and families struggling to feed their families. The situation for many families in Sydney is dire after the COVID-19 impacts on employment, health and work and we encourage parents and students to assist where they can in the lead up to Ramadan. Items may be placed in the dedicated area at the High School Administration Office until Friday of Week 9 (1st April 2022).

### TERM 1 WELLBEING WORKSHOPS

In the coming weeks, students will be participating in several workshops related to their wellbeing and learning. Students will be engaging in Term 1 relevant content with the Welfare Coordinators during a Study Skills Workshop, Puberty and Adolescence Workshop and the annual Inspirational Leadership Workshop.

### MICROSOFT TEAMS

All students at AMS have been given access to Microsoft Teams. The students can access Microsoft Teams on any device. Teams is designed that students can connect, learn, and collaborate with their teachers and classmates securely. This feature is especially important and was utilised successfully during remote learning period in 2021. Students are encouraged to log in to Microsoft Teams if they are absent from school to gain access to their classwork.

May Allah SWT keep you safe and in good health. Have a wonderful Term 1.

Wassalaam

Mr Ali Kak  
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