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TERM 1 NEWSLETTER | ISSUE 1

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatul Allahi wa Barakatuh

HADITH

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: "Allah Almighty looks upon all those created by Him in the middle Night of Sha'ban and forgives all those created by Him, except the one who associates partners with Him or the one who has malice in his heart (against a Muslim)." – Sunan Ibn Majah

Forgiving others: What a powerful hadith! Sha'ban is an annual reminder to look into our hearts and remove any bitterness we may be holding onto. Reflect, have those difficult conversations (if possible) and forgive. **Seeking forgiveness from others**

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِي رَجَبٍ وَشَعْبَانَ وَبَلِّغْنَا رَمَضَانَ

Allahumma barik lana fi Rajab wa Sha'ban wa ballighna Ramadan.

"O Allah, bless us in Rajab and Sha'ban, and let us reach Ramadan."

May Allah allow us to reap the benefits of Sha'ban. Ameen.

WELCOME BACK – PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I am delighted to welcome you all to a **new school year!** Whether you are returning to our school community or joining us for the first time, we are excited to have you as part of our school family.

A special welcome to our **new** students and families—we cannot wait to get to know and support you on your journey. We are also pleased to introduce a few teachers and staff members who bring fresh ideas, energy, and expertise to our school. They are eager to meet you and contribute to the wonderful learning environment we continue to build together.

This year promises to be filled with opportunities for growth, learning, and success. Our dedicated staff is committed to providing a supportive and engaging environment where all students can thrive. We encourage



parents and guardians to stay involved and connected, as your partnership is invaluable to the success of our students.

Teachers Leading the Way in Education Reform

Education is an ever-evolving field, and teachers are at the heart of ensuring that students receive the best learning experiences possible. Recently, educators have worked tirelessly to implement the new **English and Mathematics** (Maths) program, ensuring that students develop strong foundational skills in literacy and numeracy. Special thanks to Ms. Melissa Akamatis for her dedication and adaptability which has been instrumental in the successful rollout of this curriculum.

A Commitment to Excellence

Implementing a new curriculum is no easy task. It requires countless hours of planning, professional development, and collaboration among teachers, administrators, and education experts. Teachers have embraced these changes with enthusiasm, incorporating innovative teaching methods to engage students and enhance their learning outcomes.

From revising lesson plans to adopting new assessment techniques, they have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to student success. Their hard work is already showing promising results, with students gaining a deeper understanding of English and Mathematics concepts.

Looking Ahead: New Syllabuses on the Horizon

While the focus has been on English and Maths, teachers are now shifting their attention to developing and implementing new syllabuses for other **Key Learning Areas (KLAs)**. These changes aim to modernise education, ensuring that students are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed for the future.

The upcoming syllabus updates will bring **contemporary approaches** to subjects such as Science & Technology, History, Geography, Visual Arts, PDHPE and Technology. Teachers are actively participating in professional development programs, curriculum workshops, and collaborative discussions to ensure these changes are both effective and engaging for students.

Acknowledging the Efforts of Educators

The dedication of teachers in driving these changes cannot go unnoticed. Their ability to **adapt, innovate, and inspire** ensures that students receive a world-class education. As the education system continues to evolve, we can be confident that our teachers will remain committed to providing the best possible learning experiences for all students.

With their **passion and perseverance**, the future of education looks brighter than ever. 🚀 📚

As we navigate the upcoming school year together, I encourage you to stay informed and engaged with school activities, events, and important announcements. Please make sure to regularly check our school website, read our newsletters, ClassDojo messages, and follow us on social media for updates and information.

Additionally, I invite you to participate in our parent-teacher conferences, school events, and volunteer opportunities as we work together to create a positive and enriching educational experience for our students.

Please keep an eye out for important updates and events in the coming weeks. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead and cannot wait to see what we will accomplish together!

WELCOME NEW TEACHERS

I'm so excited to join Al Hikma College this year! My name is Aliaa Saer, and I'm a passionate Early Childhood and Primary Educator with a Bachelor of Education. I love creating engaging, hands on learning experiences that help young learners build confidence and independence. I have a passion for working with young learners, helping them grow in confidence, curiosity, and independence. I believe in creating a warm and supportive environment where every child feels valued and excited to learn.

Kind regards,
Aliaa Saer
1B Classroom Teacher



Salam, my name is Miss Arja. This will be my first-year teaching at Al Hikma College, and I'll be taking 1R this year. I am looking forward to the adventure that lies ahead. I am pleased and thankful for the chance to teach and learn with a diverse group of kids. This year, Insha'Allah will be a positive growth, kindness to one another, and greater awareness of our world. I am excited to see how we will all contribute to making this a vibrant and supportive learning environment. I am very committed and passionate about teaching, and I hope to make this an educational and fun-filled academic year.

Kind regards,
Souad El- Arja
1R Classroom Teacher

Hello, my name is Miss Mohamed and I am the classroom teacher of 3B. This is my first year at Al Hikma, and I am truly excited to be part of such a wonderful community. As an educator, I am deeply passionate about fostering a positive, enriching, and supportive learning environment where your children can thrive academically and socially. My goal is to inspire a love of learning while also nurturing the values that we all hold dear. I look forward to a fantastic year, full of curiosity, discovery, and achievement for all students Insha'Allah!

Kind regards,
Shymaa Mohamed
3B Classroom Teacher



LEARNING SUPPORT COORDINATOR

Asalam alaykum wa rahmat Allah wa barakatu,
I am thrilled to step into my new role as Support Coordinator and continue my journey in education in a new and meaningful way. With over 10 years of experience as a passionate and dedicated teacher, I have always been committed to creating inclusive, engaging, and supportive learning environments where every student can thrive.

Throughout my career, I have worked closely with students, teachers, and families to ensure that learning is accessible and tailored to individual needs. This new role allows me to extend that support beyond the classroom, helping to guide and assist students in achieving their full potential. I look forward to collaborating with staff, parents, and the wider school community to create a strong network of support for our students. I am excited about this new chapter and the opportunities it brings to make a positive impact.

Thank you for your warm welcome—I can't wait to embark on this journey with all of you!



Suhair Moussa
Support Coordinator

TERM DATES

Term 1	Thursday 30 th January – Friday 11 th April
Term 2	Tuesday 29 th April – Friday 4 th July
Term 3	Monday 14 th July – Friday 19 th September
Term 4	Monday 13 th October – Friday 12 th December

** Please note that these dates may be subject to change.*

BELL TIMES

Supervision Commences:	8:10am
School Commences:	8:30am – 8:40am (Morning Halaqa – Kindergarten to Year 6)
Infants Recess:	10:30am – 11:00am (Kindergarten & Year 2)
Primary Recess:	11:00am – 11.30am (Years 3-6)
Infants Lunch:	1:00pm – 1:40pm (Kindergarten & Year 2)
Primary Lunch:	1:40pm – 2:00pm (Years 3-6)
Prayer:	2:00pm – 2:20pm (Years 3-6)
Infants Dismissal:	3:00pm (Kindergarten – Year 2)
Primary Dismissal:	3:15pm (Years 3 – 4)
Infants Dismissal:	3:20pm (Years 5 – Year 6)

Punctuality: Please ensure your child arrives at school on time each day, ensuring they do not miss Halaqa and important morning announcements.

TERM ONE CALENDAR 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Jan 27	Jan 28	Jan 29 Staff Development Day	Jan 30 Term 1 Commences for Years 1 - 6	Jan 31 Term 1 Commences for Kindergarten
2	Feb 3	Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7
3	Feb 10 Years 3 - 6 Parent Information Night K-2 Assembly	Feb 11 Years K - 2 Parent Information Night Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN afternoon classes commence	Feb 12	Feb 13 NAPLAN classes	Feb 14 SRC Inauguration
4	Feb 17 3-6 Assembly	Feb 18 NAPLAN classes	Feb 19	Feb 20 NAPLAN classes	Feb 21 Clean up Australia Day Gold coin donation Term 1 Issue 1 Newsletter released
5	Feb 24 K-2 Assembly	Feb 25 NAPLAN classes	Feb 26	Feb 27 Ramadan (TBC) NAPLAN classes (TBC)	Feb 28 Abaya Day Gold coin donation
6	Mar 3 3-6 Assembly	Mar 4	Mar 5	Mar 6	Mar 7 Abaya Day Gold coin donation
7	Mar 10 K-2 Assembly	Mar 11	Mar 12 NAPLAN Year 6 Ramadan Iftar	Mar 13 NAPLAN	Mar 14 NAPLAN Abaya Day Gold coin donation
8	Mar 17 NAPLAN Quran Competition 3-6 Assembly	Mar 18 NAPLAN Quran Competition	Mar 19 NAPLAN	Mar 20 NAPLAN	Mar 21 NAPLAN Abaya/Harmony Day Gold coin donation Islamic Studies competition Term 1 Issue 2 Newsletter released
9	Mar 24 K-2 Assembly	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27	Mar 28 EID (TBC)
10	Mar 31 3-6 Assembly	Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3	Apr 4 Eid Fun Day
11	Apr 7 K-2 Quran and Islamic Studies Competition Trophies	Apr 8 3-6 Quran and Islamic Studies Competition Trophies	Apr 9	Apr 10 Term 1 Concludes	Apr 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews

I am glad to announce that we had over 50 students who have shown expressions of interest in becoming Quran Hafiz/Hafizas. May Allah (SWT) accept their good intentions and raise them with the Hafizas' on the day of judgement, Insha Allah. We have an average of three learned and experienced teachers who will run this program on a volunteer basis. May Allah SWT reward them in this world and in the hereafter. They will run basic, intermediate, and advanced classes on every Wednesday between 3:30 to 4:30pm. Excelling students may be asked to join a nearby madrasa in Haldon Street. The details are as follows:

Day: Wednesday

Time: 3:30 to 4:30

Venue: Al Hikma college

Participants: Years 2 to 6 (subject to change)

Cost: free

Refreshments: free

We are most humbly requesting parents to make duas for these students and the school to be successful in achieving the goal, Insha'Allah.

****During the month of Ramadan, students will be taught online, Insha Allah.***



TIPS TO INFUSE LOVE FOR THE RECITATION AND MEMORISATION OF THE HOLY QURAN

How to learn Quran for students:

- Share Beautiful and Inspiring Stories from the Quran. Each story of the Quran is a lesson and an inspiration
- **Make Dua'** As a parent, it is your duty to make your children understand the significance of making *dua'*. Tell them that the Prophet ﷺ said, "*Dua'* is worship," and "*Dua'* is the heart of worship." *Dua'* is promised to be answered by Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى in one of three ways:
 - 1) It will be answered as the person pleads to Allah SWT.
 - 2) Some harm will be averted from the person.
 - 3) Allah will save the unanswered *dua'* for the Day of Judgment as an expiation of sins or the addition of good deeds.
- **Make Your Kids Listen to the Quran Often:** Teaching Quran for children is essential as they grow. If your child is a newborn and still a baby, allow the Quran to soothe them when they cry or feel anxious. Mothers can help kids establish a deep connection with the Quran even before the child is born.
- While you're still pregnant, play the recitation of the Quran in the house. Listen to it while you are doing household chores or simply relaxing. As your child grows up, continue to play the recitation of the Quran around them in the house. When the child becomes familiar with the Quran, it becomes easy for them to read and memorise its verses.
- **Lead by Example: Students** learn things better from the examples set by their parents. Explain to your kids the importance of the Quran by depicting your love for it and how the text has helped you in life. In the end, you can only do your best. Leave the rest to Allah. Let Him become your guide throughout the process of making your child fall in love with the Quran.

Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN online this year from Wednesday 12th – 24th March. Year 3 will complete Reading, Language Conventions and Mathematics online and ‘Writing’ with pen and paper. Year 5 will complete all examinations online. All students are required to use headphones during the test so they can hear verbal instructions without disrupting other students. All students in Years 3 and 5 will need to send a pair of headphones to the school before Term 1, Week 5, 2025 to ensure they are ready to participate in the NAPLAN test window. More information can be found at the NAPLAN Parent support page - <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>

Students can access the demonstration sites via the link below. This site gives them an opportunity to engage in the types of questions that will be used during NAPLAN.

- Year 3: <https://pages.assessform.edu.au/pages/year-3-demos>
- Year 5 : <https://pages.assessform.edu.au/pages/year-5-demos>

NB

NAPLAN classes will conclude at the end of Week 5 as we prepare for the month of Ramadan.

NAPLAN test window

The NAPLAN test window is 9 days.

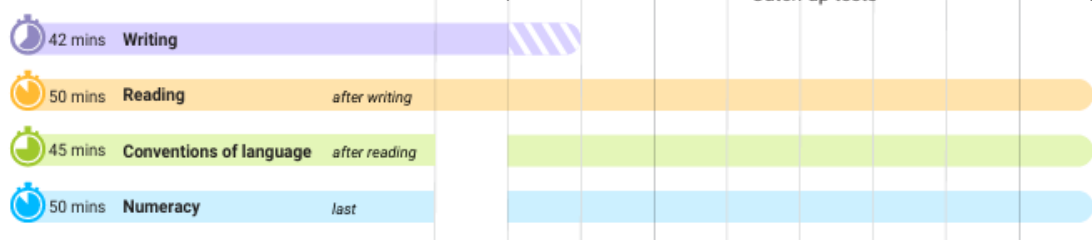
March 2025

Primary

Year 3 order and duration



Year 5 order and duration



- Year 3 writing is done on paper by all students and must be scheduled for day 1. It is recommended Year 3 writing tests be completed by all classes at the same time in the morning.

- Year 5 writing must be scheduled on day 1, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitations. Events such as camps, excursions, school sport and carnivals are not considered logistical limitations.

Tests must be scheduled as soon as possible within the test window, prioritising scheduling in days 1 to 3 and the morning over the afternoon.

For advice on scheduling, including catch-up tests or rescheduling, schools should refer to the NAPLAN national protocols for test administration, and consult their state/territory test administration authority as required.

Extracted from: <https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-test-window-infographic.pdf>

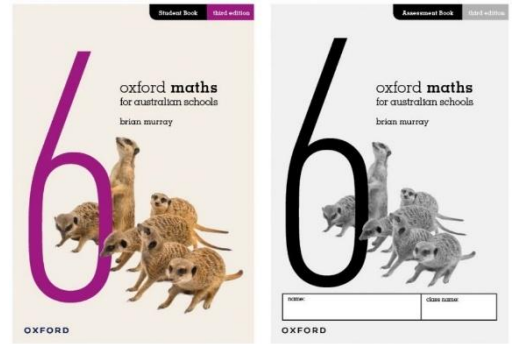
YEARS K – 6 OXFORD MATHS IMPLEMENTATION

To move on with the new Mathematics syllabus, we are implementing Oxford Maths NSW.

Over the years there has been a growing concern about student numeracy, following the results of school and national assessments including NAPLAN. We intend to strengthen our Numeracy through the implementation of this program.

In 2025 the Oxford Maths program will be used in our school to develop students' numeracy skills and to support the teaching of Maths. Unlike other textbooks, each topic in the textbook offers differentiated learning paths with 'Guided', 'Independent' and 'Extended' practice activities to suit students working on the same concept at different levels; thus creating a streamlined approach to teaching. Furthermore, the program contains increased assessment opportunities including pre & post-tests for every unit, as well as engaging activities including quizzes and digital resources.

We look forward to seeing results and hearing from you about your child's experience. Any feedback will be gratefully received with a view to further enhance their numeracy. It is your child's learning that is the upmost importance to us and we endeavour to implement the best possible programs to support their learning.



YEARS K-2 INITIALIT IMPLEMENTATION

We are excited to extend InitialLit beyond Kindergarten and into the classrooms of Years 1 and 2!

The InitialLit program is a research-based program from MultiLit. It has been trialed in many schools and has shown positive results in helping children become successful readers and writers.

- The InitialLit program uses a sound-by-sound synthetic phonics approach to teach reading. Students are taught the relationships between letters and sounds sequentially and systematically, starting with easier skills and working up to more complex skills, and are shown how to put sounds together (blend) to read words, and how to break words into sounds (segment) to assist with spelling words. This is opposed to having children guess or try to work out the alphabetic code themselves, by looking at lots of books.
- The InitialLit program also includes rich vocabulary instruction and develops children's language and comprehension skills. This is done by using quality literature (children's storybooks). These storybooks are also used as springboards for creative and writing activities.
- Like any skill that we learn (playing soccer, learning a musical instrument), practice makes perfect! Reading and writing are very complex skills, and it will take several years for children to develop into proficient readers and writers, so InitialLit ensures lots of practice opportunities are provided. A large variety of activities are included in InitialLit, for reading, handwriting, spelling, and writing, some done as



2025 ASSESSMENTS

As you are aware, the College conducts formative and summative assessments twice a term to regularly monitor the progress of your child. The school keeps the assessment folders on the premises since these assessments get misplaced or lost. By doing this, it enables us to physically show and discuss the strength and weakness of your child in the various strands of literacy and numeracy including other key learning areas.

These assessments can be discussed during the Parent/Teacher interviews or through a set appointment with the respective class teacher. Folders will be handed back to the children at the end of the year with all the assessments.

ATTENDANCE & UNIFORM REMINDER

All students are expected to be at school no earlier than 8:10am and no later than 8:30am. Students need to be present for the morning Halaqa. Students who arrive after 9:00am are deemed as late arrivals. They must get their late note from the office prior to going to their classes. Students who are late regularly or have excessive unjustified absences may jeopardise their enrolment at the college.

Extended leave will only be granted for exceptional circumstances, as it causes major distractions to a student's learning routine. Leave forms must be submitted at least 4 weeks prior to leave date.

Students are expected to always be in full school uniform. All students are required to be wearing black leather shoes except on sport days or if instructed otherwise. Hats must always be worn during sport, recess and lunch times.

Students are not allowed to have step cuts or very long hair. Students will be given a warning if their haircut is unacceptable. If the haircut is not rectified by parents, students will be sent home until changes have been applied.

STUDENT PICK UP & DROP OFF TIMES

Drop off times will be unchanged; however, we urge all parents to not get out of the car when dropping off their children and refrain from congregating on school grounds. Parents need to leave immediately after dropping off their child.

Pick up times, however, have changed slightly:

2:55pm – 3:05pm: Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 students with no siblings in older grades.

3:15 – 3:20pm: Years 3 and Year 4 students.

3:20 pm – 3:25pm: Years 5 to 6 students with younger siblings.

It is vital that parents strictly pick up their children in the allocated times to avoid unnecessary congestion.

An important reminder to all our families during drop offs and pickups: Please ensure that you always remain in your car (do not park your car and leave it unattended), be aware of the children who are also using the driveway and abide by the 5km/hr speed limit. Safety is a priority. Please do not make a left turn when exiting the driveway. It tends to block the entire traffic.

All three gates will open at 3:00pm. If your child is in K-2 and you prefer to pick them up from the back gate (Quigg Street), please inform the class teacher in advance. This will help avoid unnecessary gatherings and potential exposure.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

We are thrilled to share exciting news from our school as we recently inaugurated our new Student Representative Council (SRC). The inauguration ceremony, held last week, marked the beginning of a remarkable journey for our Year 6 SRC students and Year 5 Prefects who have taken on the responsibility of representing their peers and contributing to the positive development of our school community. Thank you to all the parents who joined us in making this occasion a memorable one.



SRC 2025

	BOY	GIRL
SCHOOL CAPTAINS	Adam Alameddine	Perihan Berjaoui
VICE CAPTAINS	Aymaan Shihad Mollah	Maisah Dastagir
PREFECTS	Mahmoud El Dakkour	Zaina Hossain
PREFECTS	Sami Ullah Chowdhury	Mersiha Zahraa
PREFECTS	Omer Khan Ghorri	Tasneem Diab
PREFECTS	Hafidz Aburrahman Prasteyo	Saffiyah Aaliyyah Nosky
PREFECTS	Zaviyar Hasan	Sarah Sohail
PREFECTS	Muhamad Hawchar	Atifa Hoque Saba

Here is a message from our captains Adam Alameddine & Perihan Berjaoui:

Asalamu-Alaykum. Being school captain is a valuable role which we take very seriously. We are committed to leading with responsibility and making a positive impact on our school community by working together to make this school year unforgettable. Our aim is to create an environment where everyone feels included, valued, and inspired to do their best.



Now, as we all know, staying active is essential for maintaining good health. So, during sport time, students will have access to a variety of sports equipment, including hurdles, hula hoops, basketballs, Frisbees, skipping ropes and many more. Another important focus is more fundraisers for the less fortunate. Whether it's a bake stall, or a henna stand, your contribution will, make a real difference in the lives of others, directly support those in need. We could also add more items to the canteen, such as a variety of healthier snacks like granola bars, crackers, and yogurt, along with fresh fruit, and more drink varieties. This would give everyone better choices throughout the day, helping us stay energized and focused. We want to ensure that each one of you has a voice, and that we can work together to make school a place we all enjoy and feel proud of. By sharing ideas and supporting each other, we can make positive changes that benefit everyone and create a more inclusive and fun environment for all students.

2025 CANTEEN MENU



LITTLE HALAL BITES

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَطْعَمَنَا وَسَقَانَا وَجَعَلَنَا مُسْلِمِينَ

<h3 style="color: #2e8b57;">DAILY MEALS</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ZAATAR MANOOSH \$2.50 MEAT LOVERS \$4.00 CHEESE MANOOSH \$4.00 HOTDOGS \$4.50 CHEESE TOASTY \$4.00 CHEESE TOASTY AND TOMATOES \$4.50 NOODLES \$3.50 NUGGETS (3) \$3.50 NUGGETS (6) \$5.50 NUGGETS (4) & CHIPS \$8.00 HASH BROWN (1) \$1.00 POPCORN CHICKEN CUP & CHIPS \$7.00 GARLIC BREAD \$1.50 CHICKEN BURGER \$6.00 CHICKEN BURGER, CHIPS & JUICE \$10.00 PLAIN CROISSANT \$3.00 MAC & CHEESE \$5.00 <h3 style="color: #2e8b57;">SNACKS</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LOLLIES FROM \$0.50 TO \$3.00 CHIPS FROM \$1.00 TO \$4.50 ZOOPER DOOPER \$1 SLUSHIES (1 SIZE) \$3.50 OREO MINI BAG \$1 HELLO PANDA BISCUIT \$1 JELLY CUP \$1 POPCORN \$1 	<h3 style="color: #2e8b57;">SPECIAL MENU</h3> <h4 style="color: #2e8b57;">MONDAY</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHICKEN BIRYANI \$10 PASTA PENNE \$6.00 MEAT PIE \$4.00 CHICKEN WRAP \$6.00 <h4 style="color: #2e8b57;">TUESDAY</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FETTUCINE \$8.00 KOFTA WRAP \$6.00 HOT CHIPS \$5.50 MEAT PIE \$4.00 <h4 style="color: #2e8b57;">WEDNESDAY</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LASAGNA \$7.00 PESTO PENNE \$6.00 GARDEN SALAD \$6.00 MEAT PIE \$4.00 <h4 style="color: #2e8b57;">THURSDAY</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RICE & CHICKEN WITH YOGHURT \$10.00 CHICKEN SHAWARMA WARP \$8.00 MEAT PIE \$4.00 <h4 style="color: #2e8b57;">FRIDAY</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HOT CHIPS \$5.50 CHICKEN WINGS (5) \$7.50 TOMATO SAUCE \$0.50 BBQ SAUCE \$0.50
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DRINKS

- SMALL WATER \$1.00
- WATER 600ML \$2.00
- APPLE JUICE \$2.00
- PASSIONFRUIT JUICE \$2.00
- TROPICAL JUICE \$2.00
- MOGU MOGU LYCHEE \$2.50
- LIPTON ICE TEA \$4.50
- GATORADE \$5.00

FOR PRE-ORDER PLEASE SMS (04)11488167

SENTRAL PORTAL

The Student and Parent Portal provides both parents and students discreet information about each student's progress in our school. Here is a short video to introduce you to this portal <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rMj-GP8pto>

We are confident that you will see the benefits of your registration immediately and be part of our journey in providing this facility to you.

As we progress in this initiative, the Parent Portal will become more and more significant in your day-to-day management of your child's enrolment at our school.

Should you experience difficulties please do not hesitate to contact admin for assistance. I also look forward to hearing from you about your experience with our Parent Portal, and any feedback will be gratefully received with a view to adding further functionality and improvement.



GARDENING

Wow! What a wonderful and enriching experience! Harvesting olives and lemons can be both educational and fun, teaching students about agriculture, teamwork, and the importance of nature. Food for thought: Can we use olives and lemons for anything special, like making olive oil or lemonade?



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

At Al Hikma College, we are committed to fostering a sense of responsibility and care for our environment. On 21st of February, we took part in 'Clean Up Australia Day', where our students and staff cleaned the school and surround streets as they came together in the spirit of community service and sustainability.

Special thanks to Ms. Zeinab Dirani and Ms. Shymaa Mohamed for successfully organising this event.

Why is Clean Up Australia Day Important? Clean Up Australia Day is a powerful reminder of the impact waste has on our environment. By taking action, we help reduce pollution, protect wildlife, and create a healthier and cleaner community for future generations.

In Islam, cleanliness is considered extremely important, often described as "half of faith," meaning it is a fundamental aspect of a Muslim's life, encompassing both physical hygiene and spiritual purity, with the Quran and teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) emphasising the need to keep oneself, clothes, and surroundings clean, as well as purify one's thoughts and intentions; this is reflected in practices like regular ablutions (wudu) before prayer and ritual bathing (ghusl) in specific situations.

How to maintain cleanliness:

- **Join our Clean-Up Initiative:** Participate in our campus and local area clean-up activities.
- **RRR:** Reduce Reuse & Recycle
- **Reduce Waste:** Bring reusable bottles, lunchboxes, and bags to school.
- **Recycle Right:** Learn proper waste sorting techniques and ensure recyclable items go in the correct bins.
- **Educate & Inspire:** Encourage friends and family to adopt sustainable habits and make a positive difference at home and at the school.
- **Practice keeping oneself, clothes, and surroundings clean:** the practice of caring for the body through cleaning and grooming – helps prevent the spread of harmful germs and diseases.



Together, we can make a lasting impact on our environment.

Let us take pride in keeping our surroundings clean and green!

Join us in making a difference—because every small action counts! 🌱 ❤️



RAMADAN STUDENT PICK UP & DROP OFF TIMES

During the month of Ramadan (Starting from 27th February – 1st March more or less), our College times will shorten.

Please see below our dismissal times:

2:30pm – 2:40pm: Kindy to Year 2 students with siblings in older grades.

2:40 – 2:50pm: Year 3 and Year 4 students with siblings in older grades.

2:50pm – 3:00pm: Years 5 to 6 students



RAMADAN KAREEM

As we embrace the holy month of Ramadan, we are excited to share with you the array of activities and initiatives planned for our students throughout this special time. Ramadan is not only a time for fasting and spiritual reflection, but also a time of giving and learning. We believe that involving our students in various activities will enrich their understanding and appreciation of this blessed month. Each moment of Ramadan is a precious treasure and offers a blessed and unique opportunity for us to strengthen our relationship with Quran and to deepen our bond with Allah. ﷻ



Here's a brief look at what we have planned:

3-6 Abaya Day: from the start of Ramadan, our Years 3 - 6 students will be allowed to come to school wearing an abaya each Friday during Ramadan as well as bring a gold coin which will be donated to charity.

Islamic Studies Sessions: our Islamic Studies lessons will be tailored to focus on the significance of Ramadan, its rituals, and the teachings associated with this month. We aim to deepen students' understanding of the spiritual aspects of fasting, prayer, and charity.

Daily Hadith, Reflections and Du'a: each day, students will engage in short reflections and prayers (du'a) to foster a sense of mindfulness, gratitude, and connection to the spiritual essence of Ramadan. These moments will be integrated into our daily routines and classroom activities.

Ramadan Arts and Crafts: students will have the opportunity to express their creativity through Ramadan-themed arts and crafts activities. This will allow them to explore cultural aspects of this month while honing their artistic skills.

Years 5-6 Iftar: towards the end of Ramadan, we have planned to host a special Iftar gathering where students and teachers come together to break their fast in this blessed month. This gathering will promote a sense of community and solidarity among all members of our school community.

Quran Competition: in Week 8, a Quran Competition will be taking place. I have uploaded the Surahs that need to be practiced on Dojo. Please let our AQIS team know if your child is interested in participating.

Islamic Studies Competition: we will also be having an Islamic Studies Competition. During class, Years 3 - 6 students will be studying Islamic quizzes and the top 2 students from each class will be participating in the final competition which will take place in Week 8, Insha Allah.

Charity: in this holy month, charity will be collected on a daily basis, contributing to a variety of projects. These sessions will provide valuable insights and foster intercultural understanding among our students. We encourage you to engage with your children about their experiences during Ramadan and to support them in their spiritual journey. Your involvement and encouragement are instrumental in helping them derive maximum benefit from this sacred month. May this Ramadan be a source of blessings, peace, and spiritual growth for you and your family. **Ramadan Kareem 2025!** 🌙 ✨