



# AL HIKMA COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

*Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatul Allahi wa Barakatuh*

## HADITH

*Narrated Ibn Mas`ud: "I heard the Prophet (ﷺ) saying, "There is no envy except in two: a person who God has given wealth and he spends it in the right way, and a person whom Allah has given wisdom (ie religious knowledge) and he gives His decisions accordingly and teaches it to the others. "— Sahih al-Bukhari 1409*

*The Prophet also said: "The best of charity is when a Muslim gains knowledge, then he teaches it to his Muslim brother." [Sunan Ibn Majah]*

## WELCOME TO 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

I thank you all once again for your continued support and the active role you play in your child's education and Insha'Allah we will all enjoy a Joyous and successful year. I would also like to warmly welcome those of you who are new to our school and our community. All students, existing and new, have made a strong start to this term. Our new staff have also adjusted well and have become actively engaged in the welfare of the students at Al Hikma.

I would like to welcome Sara Al Modafar (1B teacher), Hope Noshie (2R teacher), Suhair Moussa (3B teacher), Zeinab Dirani (3R teacher) and Amal Marhoum (AQIS teacher) to Al Hikma College. I would also like to congratulate Ms Halima El-Hajj for being appointed Arabic, Quran & Islamic Studies Coordinator as well as Ms Rachel McIntosh for being appointed as Support Coordinator. May Allah ST give them the ability to impart the knowledge and skills to the students to the best of their ability.

## RAMADAN KAREEM

We are eagerly waiting for the pious month of Ramadan which might fall on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. This date may differ for those who site the moon to begin their fasting. This month of Ramadan is considered the holiest and most sacred month of the Islamic Hijri (lunar) calendar. We firmly believe that it was during this exalted month that the archangel Jibreel descended from the heavens and revealed the Message to our beloved Prophet Muhammad PBUH. During the month of Ramadan, we are required to elevate their level of spiritual and physical submission to God by way of fasting. We will be organising Iftaar dinner as well as run various activities on Ramadan for the children during this month.



## UPDATE ON IMPORTANT EVENTS

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	30/1 • YEARS 1-6 FIRST DAY	31/1 • KINDERGARTEN FIRST DAY	1/2	2/2	3/2
2	6/2	7/2 • K-2 SPORT • LIBRARY COMMENCES • NAPLAN CLASSES	8/2	9/2 • NAPLAN CLASSES	10/2
3	13/2 • K-2 ASSEMBLY • K-2 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT	14/2 • K-2 SPORT • 3-6 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT • NAPLAN CLASSES	15/2 • QURAN HAFIZ CLASS	16/2 • 3-6 SPORT • NAPLAN CLASSES	17/2 • SRC INAUGURATION (K-4 CLASS CAPTAINS AND VICE INCLUDED)
4	20/2 • 3-6 ASSEMBLY	21/2 • K-2 SPORT • NAPLAN CLASSES	22/2 • QURAN HAFIZ CLASS	23/2 • 3-6 SPORT • NAPLAN CLASSES	24/2 • SRC INAUGURATION (K-4 CLASS CAPTAINS AND VICE INCLUDED NEWSLETTER ISSUE 1)
5	27/2 • K-2 ASSEMBLY • ASSESSMENT WEEK	28/2 • K-2 SPORT • ASSESSMENT WEEK • NAPLAN CLASSES	1/3 • QURAN HAFIZ CLASS • ASSESSMENT WEEK	2/3 • 3-6 SPORT • ASSESSMENT WEEK • NAPLAN CLASSES	3/3 • CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY • ASSESSMENT WEEK
6	6/3 • 3-6 ASSEMBLY • STAGE 3 BASKETBALL GALA DAY	7/3 • K-2 SPORT • NAPLAN CLASSES	8/3 • QURAN HAFIZ CLASS	9/3 • 3-6 SPORT • NAPLAN CLASSES	10/3
7	13/3 • K-2 ASSEMBLY • HEALTHY HAROLD	14/3 • K-2 SPORT • HEALTHY HAROLD	15/3 • NAPLAN • QURAN HAFIZ CLASS • HEALTHY HAROLD	16/3 • NAPLAN • 3-6 SPORT • HEALTHY HAROLD	17/3 • NAPLAN • HEALTHY HAROLD
8	20/3 • NAPLAN • 3-6 ASSEMBLY	21/3 • K-2 SPORT • NAPLAN • HARMONY DAY	22/3 • NAPLAN • QURAN HAFIZ CLASS	23/3 • NAPLAN • RAMADAN (TBC) • 3-6 SPORT	24/3 • NAPLAN • NEWSLETTER ISSUE 2 • EARTH HOUR
9	27/3 • NAPLAN • K-2 ASSEMBLY	28/3 • K-2 SPORT	29/3	30/3 • 3-6 SPORT • ASSESSMENT WEEK	31/3 • ASSESSMENT WEEK
10	3/4 • K-6 ASSEMBLY • ASSESSMENT WEEK	4/4 • ASSESSMENT WEEK	5/4 • ASSESSMENT WEEK • K-6 LAST DAY OF TERM	6/4 • PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS	7/4 * GOOD FRIDAY (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)

## LEARNING SUPPORT COORDINATOR

My name is Ms Rachel and I am the newly appointed Learning Support Coordinator. I will be working alongside an amazing support team focusing to guide and motivate students to ensure they are working towards individual learning goals.

We will be starting our support classes in week 6 which will consist of small group sessions. We will implement a structured program in Literacy and Numeracy to assist them in keeping on track with their studies.

You will be contacted through Class Dojo by the end of next week if your child will be in support classes.

## ATTENDANCE & UNIFORM REMINDER

All students are expected to be at school no earlier than 8:10 am and no later than 8:30am. Students need to be present for the morning Halaqa. Students who arrive after 8:45am 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 the 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. They 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:

3:00pm – 3:10pm: Kindy and year one students with no siblings in older grades.

3:10 – 3:20pm: Year 2 and year 3 students with no siblings in older grades.

3:20pm – 3:30pm: Years 4 to 6 students with younger siblings.

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

NOTE:

**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.**

All three gates will open at 3:00pm. If your child is in K-4 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.

## NAPLAN

Students in Year 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN online this year from March 15 - 27 March. Year 3 complete Reading, Language Conventions and Mathematics online. Year 3 complete writing with pen and paper. Year 5 complete Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Mathematics online. All students are required to use headphones during the test so they can hear verbal instructions without disrupting other students. All students in Year 3 and 5 will need to send a pair of headphones to the school before Term 1, Week 6, 2023 to ensure all students are ready to participate in the NAPLAN test window. The following frequently asked questions answer some important information regarding NAPLAN.

The NAPLAN online test window starts on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and finishes on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Tests will be scheduled as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week as outlined in the table below:

TEST	DATE	DURATION	TEST DESCRIPTION
WRITING	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Year 3:</b> 40 min <b>Year 5:</b> 42 min	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' and asked to write a response in either narrative or persuasive form Please note: Year 3 will complete this assessment on paper whilst Year 5 will be expected to complete this on a computer/device
READING	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Year 3:</b> 45 min <b>Year 5:</b> 50 min	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts then answer related questions
LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Year 3:</b> 45 min <b>Year 5:</b> 45 min	Assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation
NUMERACY	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Year 3:</b> 45 min <b>Year 5:</b> 50 min	Assesses number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability

More information can be found on the NAPLAN Parent support page - <https://nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>. Students can also access the demonstration site via the link below. These sites give them an opportunity to engage in the types of questions that will be used during NAPLAN

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

## 2023 ASSESSMENTS

As you are aware, the College conducts formative and summative assessments twice a term to regularly monitor the progress of your child. This year, the school will keep the assessment folders on the school premises. By doing this, it enables us to physically show and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of your child in the various strands of literacy and numeracy including other key learning areas.

These assessments can be discussed during the P/T interviews or through an arranged meeting with the respective class teacher. Folders will be handed back to the children at the end of each semester with all the assessments.

## SRC INAUGURATION

On **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February**, Al Hikma College hosted the annual Student Representative Council (SRC) Inauguration. Special guests from our community attended this special ceremony including our Chairman Habib Farid, Director Raja Khodr and Our Block Contestant Osman Said.

We would like to congratulate our 2023 SRC members and we look forward to working with you all on various new initiatives.

YEAR 6		
	MALE	FEMALE
<b>SCHOOL CAPTAIN</b>	Mohammad Hassaan Shahzad	Salwa Khan
<b>VICE CAPTAIN</b>	Abdulrahman Hassan Omar	Yusra Beenish Fatima
<b>PREFECT</b>	Omar Dennaoui	Sabah Chowdhury
<b>PREFECT</b>	Saeed Khayal	Eshal Chowdhury
<b>PREFECT</b>		Amara Ghorri
<b>PREFECT</b>		Nadrah Bintu Abdullah

YEAR 5		
	MALE	FEMALE
<b>5R PREFECT</b>	Mustaneer Mohammed	Amina Shamsul Islam
<b>5B PREFECT</b>	Kayzan Rahmat	Layha Rahman

