



# AICS Connect

AUSTRALIAN ISLAMIC COLLEGE OF SYDNEY NEWSLETTER

February 2023 | Term 1



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## Principal's Corner

As Salaam Alaikum Warahmatullah Wabarakatu.

With pleasure I welcome both returning and new students and their families to the College. I hope all of you will enjoy your time at the College and that you will receive the quality of education, training and experience for which you are here. I also extend a very warm welcome to the new teachers and wish you all the success in providing quality education to the children. Our school's focus is on helping students reach their full academic potential, developing Islamic faith and moral character.

The last decade has been an important era in the history of our school in terms of innovations and changes to improve the quality of education provided to students. The strategies adopted have changed over time with the changing demands of the currency of educational requirements. More recently, teachers have been upskilled to adopt evidence-based and 'high leverage' instructional strategies to improve teaching and learning outcomes. As a standard practice, teachers are required to set high standards in their classes and help and guide the students to achieve them. Moreover, teachers teach with the belief that every child is capable of successful learning. These strategies have enabled us to improve the overall standard of education and promote academic excellence and good discipline in the entire College. This is reflected in outstanding NAPLAN and HSC results and exemplary behaviour of students in the recent years. We are hopeful of improving the HSC results in coming years.

The College has a team of young but highly qualified teaching and executive staff with an outstanding level of commitment and dedication to students and their educational achievements. As a well-coordinated team we will continue with our efforts to take our school and student achievements to the next level of excellence in years to come. We will introduce more intensive and challenging academic programs and encourage each individual to achieve his personal best.

In the last few years, a strong partnership between the College staff, AICS Board and parents has contributed significantly to the exceptional improvements in the overall functioning of the school. This year I request all parents and the Board to strengthen this partnership and facilitate our efforts provide the highest quality of education to our children.

I am looking forward to your continued support and co-operation in 2023 and beyond to succeed in our mission to make Australian Islamic College of Sydney an institution of choice for all parents.

Wassalam

Dr Imam Ali  
Principal

## Term Dates 2023

**Term 1: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
(10 weeks)**

**Staff Professional Development/Pupil Free days:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023** - start date for Year 1- 12

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023** – start date for Kindergarten

**Autumn Vacation:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

**Term 2: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
(10 weeks)**

**Staff Professional Development/Pupil Free days:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023** - start date for K-12 students

**Anzac Day (Public Holiday)-** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Queens Birthday (Public Holiday)-** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Eid Ul Adha – \*\*** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Winter Vacation:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Term 3: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023  
(10 weeks)**

**Staff Professional Development/Pupil Free days:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023** - start date for K-12 students

**Spring Vacation:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Term 4: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
(10 weeks)**

**Staff Professional Development/Pupil Free days:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023** - start date for K-12 students

**Summer Vacation:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

# 2023 Student Representative Council

## School Captains

Mikael Shah



Mabintou Sillah



## Vice Captains

Ibrahim Shah



Husna Mubashir



## Year 12 Prefects

Ramiz Sahidi



Imran Maqsood



Nazaahah  
Dean



Rukhsar Ahmed



## Year 11 SRC

Muhammad Ahmad  
Zahir



Amna Khan



## Year 10 SRC

Mehtab Khan



Dipta Islam



## Year 9 SRC

Eeshan Ahmed



Huda Khan



## Year 8 SRC

Ahsan Zahir



Shireen Rizvi



## Year 7 SRC

Isaac Etri



Rafa Binte Tariq



## Absences, Late Arrivals & Early Departures

### Absences

1. In case of absence due to illness, parents and/or caregivers must inform the school between 8.15 am and 8.30 am via a text message to **0419 727 814**. Before the child returns to school, parents and/or caregivers must email the medical certificate to [attendance@aics.nsw.edu.au](mailto:attendance@aics.nsw.edu.au)
2. In case of absence for other reasons, parents must fill in a leave form (obtainable from the school website), requesting for leave from the Principal. **Requests for leave to travel overseas** must be sent at least a month in advance of the travel date.

### Note

- Parents are strongly advised **not** to take children overseas during the school terms. This adversely affects their learning and academic progress when they return to school.
- The Years 11 and 12 students are required to fulfil specific attendance and work coverage requirements in order to sit for HSC examinations. Prolonged and frequent absences from school may **prevent** these students from meeting the requirements and **appearing for HSC examinations**.

### Late Arrivals

**All students should be at school by 8:25am.** When students arrive late to school, they must make their way to the Front Office and will be issued with a Late Note indicating the time of arrival and should proceed quickly to class. Students' will not be accepted into class without a Late Note.

**\*Students' are encouraged to walk into school grounds without the assistance of their parents and/or caregivers**

### Early Departures

AICS **does not** encourage early departure of students on their own because of safety and educational reasons. If parents and/or caregivers, have a very important reason to pick up their child/ren during the day, they can only pick them up **after 2:30 pm provided they have applied for permission earlier in the day**, or unless the child is seriously ill or there is an emergency. The siblings of the sick children will not be given leave to go home early.

To request for an early pick up of children the parents and/or caregivers must write an email

to [attendance@aics.nsw.edu.au](mailto:attendance@aics.nsw.edu.au) or SMS on **0419 727 814** providing the following information:

Full Name of the Parent(s) and/or caregiver(s),

Child/Children's name(s) and class/classes

Reason for early pickup

Time of pickup

The evidence of doctor's appointment, etc. (if applicable).

The application for the child to leave early must be sent to the school preferably **a day in advance** or **at least two hours** before the child is expected to be picked up. This will minimise your waiting time considerably. Parent(s) and/or caregiver(s) picking up their child/ren are requested to wait at the main gates. **Please Note: Early leave cannot be organised during recess, lunch or prayer time.**

**\*\*Dental and medical appointments should be arranged outside of school hours, wherever possible .**

# Australian Islamic College of Sydney– Canteen Menu

## Daily Specials

### Monday

Zataar	\$3.00
Zataar Roll (With Vegetables)	\$5.00
Felafel Roll	\$5.00
Laham– Bi-Ageen	\$4.00
Vegetable Rice	\$5.00

### Tuesday

Cheese Pizza (Slice)	\$3.00
Vegetarian Pizza (Slice)	\$3.00
Spaghetti	\$3.00
Garlic Bread (Half)	\$2.00
Garlic Bread (Full)	\$4.00
Caesar Salad	\$5.00

### Wednesday

Chicken Wrap	\$6.00
Beef Burger	\$4.00

### Thursday

Sausage Sizzle	\$3.00
Butter Chicken & Rice	\$6.00

### Friday

Chicken Burger & Chips	\$6.00
5pcs Nuggets & Chips	\$6.00
Canteen Specials	\$6.00

## Snacks

Kettle Chips 45g	\$3.00
Pringles 53g	\$3.00
Muffins	\$3.00
Lamington	\$2.00
Finni Roll Up	\$2.00
Wicked Fizz	\$0.50

## Drinks

Aloe Vera 500ml	\$3.00
Nippys Orange Juice 350ml	\$4.00
Nippys Flavoured Milk 375ml	\$4.00
Waterfords Flav. Drinks	\$3.00
Glee	\$2.50
Spring Water 600ml	\$2.00

## Ice Cream

Ice Block	\$1.00
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## Daily Menu \*MUST ORDER BEFORE RECESS

### Hot Foods

Villis Meat Pie 160g	\$5.00
So Halal Meat Pie 175g	\$4.00
Chicken Mornay Pie	\$4.00
Sausage Roll 190g	\$4.00
Cheese & Spinach Roll 190g	\$4.00
Noodles Cup	\$3.00
5pcs Nuggets in a cup	\$3.00
5pcs Samosa in a cup	\$3.00
5pcs Spring Rolls in a cup	\$3.00
Tomato, BBQ & Chilli Sauce	\$0.50

### Sandwiches \*with Lettuce, Tomato & Cucumber

Beef Salami	\$4.00
Cheese	\$4.00
Salad Sandwich	\$4.00

### Salads \*By Order Only

Garden Salad	\$6.00
Greek Salad	\$6.00
Coleslaw	\$6.00
Tabouli	\$6.00
Fruit Salad	\$6.00
Creamy Pasta Salad	\$6.00

- All orders from (K-6) must have their name and class labelled, and handed to their class teacher before recess.
- All orders must have the correct amount of money. The canteen is not responsible for any loss of change.
- For any specific dietary needs please inform canteen staff prior to placing the order
- All items are subject to availability. Where a menu item is unavailable a similar product will be offered.
- The school Canteen **does not** offer credit.

# Head of Primary School

Mrs. Suzy Lal

Dear AICS Students and Families,

Welcome to a new school year, an exciting time as our students return to their school journey. Special welcome to all our new students and their families. Primary school has numerous exciting events planned for this year.

## SRC- STUDENT LEADERS for 2023

Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who were successful in obtaining leadership positions for 2023. Student leaders for the year 2023 were announced at our annual assembly last year. Leaders were presented with their leadership badges at the awards presentation ceremony.

### **Student Representative Council (SRC)**

### **Sports Captains**

School Captain	Affaan Aziz	Sport Captain	Name
School Captain	Mahum Waqas Khan	Green	Noah Rasic
Vice-Captain	Isaac Etri		Huda Hosh
Vice-Captain	Rafa Binte Tariq	Blue	Hunain Irfan
Prefect	Yousuf Momandi		Zafirah Rahaman
Prefect	Akram Azmi	Yellow	Ahmad Bilal
Prefect	Nabhaan Rizqin Riyaz Ahmed		Iman Osikoya
Prefect	Uzayr Shaheer	Red	Imran Ozturk
Prefect	Noreen Utomo		Ameera Bah
Prefect	Sadaf Khizer		

## NAPLAN ONLINE TEST

**NAPLAN exams will be conducted from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to Friday 27 March 2023.**

**Assessment and Reporting.** Students will be assessed throughout the year. Teachers will track student progress against the foundation statements as well as literacy and numeracy continuums/progressions through a combination of work samples, observations, discussions, projects and assessment tasks. Reports on student progress will be sent home at the conclusions of each term. Parents are encouraged to discuss their child's progress throughout the year via phone or ClassDojo.

## Attendance Students Extended Leave Application

No holiday leave will be approved during examination period. No leave application will be approved for more than 5 days in a calendar year. Parents who take unapproved leave for their children will risk promotion to next grade and continuation of enrolment at AICS.

## Students Waiting to be Picked Up

We have noticed several students waiting at the overflow carpark for a considerable amount of time to be picked up. For their safety, we will now be asking students to wait in front of the mosque entrance. Any child that is not collected after 3.35pm, will be asked to stay in the main office. **If you happen to be late, please contact the office on 99336900.**

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### **Behaviour Expectation**

All students have a right to feel safe and secure whilst at school. The children are made aware of school and classroom rules and the positive/negative consequences associated with good or unacceptable behaviour. The school actively adheres to the anti-bullying policy and procedures. Below is a list of our school rules.

- I am safe
- I am respectful
- I am a learner
- I follow staff instructions

### **Uniform and Lateness**

Students are reminded that they are expected to arrive to school by 8.25 am. Students who arrive late need to present a note written and signed by a parent/carer to the office to explain the student's lateness.

Similarly, it is expected that students attend school each day in the correct uniform (including correct shoes, tie and hats). Sports uniform is only permitted on Sport days. Boy's haircuts need to be according to the school policy. It has been very pleasing to see that most of the students are always in the correct uniform and displaying 'AICS PRIDE'.

### **Safety at the School Gate**

Unfortunately, wet weather leads to an increase in selfish acts of driving and parking around the school.

Please be reminded that parking across driveways at any time is illegal and performing 3 point turns on or close to the crossing is dangerous.

Please show responsibility and respect when driving around our school. We will not hesitate to forward photos and details of dangerous drivers to the Police.

**All these rules are to keep our children, you, and others safe. Please help keep each other safe.**

### **Parent Information Evening**

Sincere thanks to all the parents for attending the Information evening.



**I look forward to working with you all and believe that this will be an exciting and productive year.**

# Islamic Studies

Mr. Muhammed Yaqoub

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh

عن عثمان رضي الله عنه، عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: خيركم من تعلم القرآن وعلمه.

“The best among you are those who learn the Quran and teach it” [Bukhari]

The Quran is the book Allah (SWT) that was revealed to our beloved prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

By the grace of Allah in year 6 the students will be memorizing Surah An-Naba, reading Juz 17, Surah Al-Anbiya and Surah Al-Hajj. They will also be learning the theory of the Tajweed rulings. In week 6 and 7 of this term, the students will be assessed on their memorization, recitation and tajweed.

Year 5 students will be memorizing Surah Al-Burooj and reading Iqra book 6 including the rulings of nun Sakina and Tanween.

We encourage parents to support their children in their Quranic studies In Sha Allah.

We ask Allah (ﷻ) to make this year full of blessings, barakah, tawfeeq, rida and accept all the efforts of the students, teachers, and parents.



# Primary Library

Ms Helen Smith



It's very impressive that Muhammad had his library bag ready during the first week of school to come and borrow from the library at break time!

Luckily, we have multiple copies of our most popular books! Students are also able to reserve their favourite book if it's not on the shelf.



## Library Bags

All students must have a green AICS library bag. These can be purchased from the uniform shop, OzFashion.

<b>Monday</b>	KA, KB, KC, 1B, 3D, 6B, 6C
<b>Tuesday</b>	1A, 1C, 1D, 1E, 3B
<b>Wednesday</b>	2D, 3A, 4C, 4E, 5C, 6D
<b>Thursday</b>	2B, 2E, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5E, 6A
<b>Friday</b>	KD, KE, 3E, 4D, 5A, 5B, 5D

## Library Lessons

All K-6 library lessons support students in completing their Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC).

## Important Library Dates Term 1

- Week 8: Islamic Book Fair
- Week 9-10: Ramadan Read-a-thon
- + 2 Book Club issues each term



# Kindergarten News

Ms Shafia Malak

Welcome to Kindergarten 2023!

Salaam and a warm welcome to our new Kindergarten students, parents and families to AICS!

We have been busy getting settled into our new classes, learning the routines and building friendships.

Students have started the Jolly Phonics in literacy sessions. Students have been learning how to say the letter name and sound. Learning single sounds is a crucial building block for students to master as it forms the foundation of their reading and writing skills. Over the last fortnight we have been focusing on the Letter /Ss/. Check out the artworks we have created inspired by our literacy lessons. It is great to see students showing enthusiasm by practicing these sounds at home as well.



Our numeracy sessions are focusing on building students ability to recognise and represent numbers, count forwards and backwards from 0 – 20 and writing the numerals using the correct formation.

In Science & Technology, we are learning about living things and non-living things, things they need to survive. We are also exploring different farm animals and their habitats. We will be going to Calmsley Hill City Farm in Week 6 this term.

In PDH, we are identifying unique physical features and characteristics about us. Another important lesson we have had in our first week of school is discussing the expectations in the playground during recess and lunch such reporting a problem to the teacher on duty wearing the yellow vest.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher on Class Dojo before contacting the front office. Please keep up-to-date with your child's ClassDojo account for messages, reminders and updates on their learning.

The Kindergarten team for 2022 are;

KA | Ms. Malak (Kindergarten Coordinator), Ms. Oriakhail & Ms. Aynur (TA)

KB | Ms. Johnston & Ms. Salma (TA)

KC | Ms. Parkes & Ms. Arilla (TA)

KD | Ms. Ma & Ms. Carmen (TA)

KE | Ms. Paras & Ms. Sadia (TA)

Islamic RFF teachers – Ms. Mirvat (Arabic), Mr. Khan (Quran) & Mr. Aktar (Islam)

LLI (Literacy Learning Support) – Ms. Chilly

Inshallah, our students and families will have a wonderful and amazing learning journey in 2023!

Warm regards,

Ms. Malak

Kindergarten Coordinator & KA class teacher

# Year 1 News

Ms Tahmena Khatiz

Year One students have had a fantastic start to the year so far!

It was pleasing to observe Year One students settling into their new classes with their new teachers and peers.

During the first two weeks of 2022, students engaged in a range of fun and productive activities as part of their learning. The highlights so far, have been students exploring the importance of using space effectively, while developing their movement skills in Creative Arts. They have also been reading many interesting books in English, while also practicing different 'Into the Book' strategies to assist their understanding and placing themselves in the book. In Science, they have displayed interest in observing the needs of plants and how plants thrive in limited spaces. Students have also enjoyed learning how we can improve our health and well-being in PDH. In History, students have been exploring the roles and responsibilities of family members and family trees. Maths has provided the opportunity for students to investigate different concepts related to numbers.

What an excellent way to start the year!



# Year 2 News

Ms Jade Mcardle

Welcome to Year 2, 2023!

I hope all of the students had a fun and safe holiday! It has been a very busy start to the term but the students are all eager to learn new things in year 2.

In particular, the students are having so much fun in our Science and Technology unit. We are investigating ways to improve the soil in our kitchen garden. We have learnt that healthy soil is important so that we can grow fruits and vegetables. One way to improve the soil is to have earthworms!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher on Class Dojo before contacting the front office. Please keep up-to-date with your child's ClassDojo account for messages, reminders and updates on their learning.

The Year 2 team for 2023 are;

2A | Ms. Mcardle (Year 2 Coordinator)

2B | Ms. Hossain

2C | Ms. Arshiya

2D | Ms. Tefaili

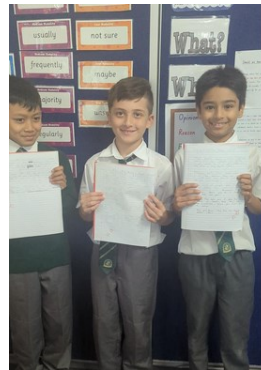
2E | Ms. Naveed



# Year 3 News

Mrs Christine Souma

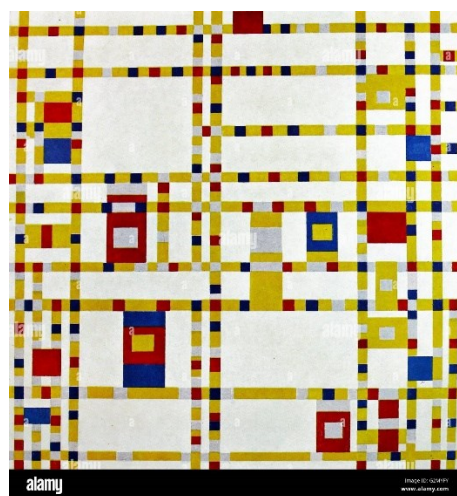
Welcome back to all the parents and students of Year 3. Thank you for attending our Parent evening and the Year 3 teachers look forward to a very productive and engaging year for your children. Term 1 has already been a very busy and exciting for year 3. Students have been busy writing and reading many texts including, our class novel, 'Charlie and Chocolate Factory', by Roald Dahl. Students have also been writing Persuasive texts in preparation for NAPLAN. They have used high modal language to write well-structured pieces of writing to allow the audience to understand their point of view. They have also been editing their writing, reinforcing the importance of reading back their own writing and conferencing with a class mate.



We have been settling in to our new routines and making new friends. During Math, we have used concrete materials to answer real life problems, mainly about 5 digit numbers and discussing the importance of language in our problem solving.



In Creative Arts we discussed the artwork, *Broadway Boogie Woogie* by Piet Mondrian. 3A were inspired to create our own artwork using primary colours.



# Year 4 News

Ms Faiza Basharat 4A

Welcome to 2023! We hope our students and you were able to relax, recharge and are ready to start a new school year.

Year 4 students have had an amazing start to the year by setting achievable goals and getting organised for their learning journey. What's happening this year is that students will be introduced to a range of topics within each Key Learning Area. They will engage in many meaningful learning experiences throughout the term including research-based tasks, hand-on activities, experiments, excursions, group and individual tasks.

In terms of topics, for Literacy they are learning to write informative texts, focusing on proper structure of the text and its language features. Understanding the nature of life's change and the uniqueness of individual development is the topic for PDHPE this Term. History is all about Life before Australian colonisation and Animal Kingdom is focus topic for Science.

Students' excitement, confidence and positivity is commendable. We wish you and the students a very successful and rewarding year ahead. Remember, we are always here to help!



## Year 5 News

Mr Daniel Ferrin

Welcome everyone to a busy and exciting year ahead for Year 5 students at AICS. Students have been settling into their classes and have been starting to work on all the concepts and lessons we will be covering this term.

5A has started music lessons, learning about musical notation and how to apply their understanding on musical concepts to learn how to play the recorder. Even in these early stages, students have developed correct hand and finger grip to move from those high squeaky sounds to playing a simple tune. They have been so excited to come up and demonstrate their abilities and skills and I'm looking forward to seeing them develop throughout the term.

This is a busy term, with NAPLAN just around the corner, so students will be busily preparing themselves to undertake these tests in the upcoming weeks.

It is really important for you to have discussions with your children about the learning they are doing at school – please do, you might have insight into the topics we are discussing that we don't that can aid your child in developing their understanding of concepts covered in class.



## Year 6 News

Ms Aqueela Wilson

Welcome to the new academic year! We have hit the ground running this term. From Mathematics to Geography, and everything in between, year 6 students have had many new and exciting learning experiences.

In Science, students have been recalling their prior knowledge of contact and non-contact forces, before learning about electricity, energy transformation and electrical circuits. We are looking forward to designing and making gadgets and small, working appliances using recycled materials and simple circuits.

During Geography, we have been exploring the wonderfully interesting continent of Asia. With over 40 individual countries, Asia is the most diverse continent in the world and students have compared the geographical, climatic and cultural features of many different countries within the region. To extend our understanding of the similarities and difference between Australia and Asian countries, specifically Vietnam, we have begun reading the novel 'Noodle Pie' by Ruth Starke, which follows the journey of an Australian born, 11 year old boy on his first visit to his parents homeland, Vietnam. We are very eager to read about his observations and opinions as the term continues.



# Science Department

Ms Faaiza Nisha

As Salamu Alaikum,

This year is going to be a very exciting year in our Science Department, and as always have started with a very busy term. We are fortunate to have Ms Ayisha Hayat, Ms Seema Patel, Dr Sobia Rehman, and Ms Shiraz Teia who will be going on Maternity Leave soon. These teachers bring with them many years of teaching experience and we are looking forward to all the knowledge that they can bring to the Science Department.

We are also privileged to have 3 well-equipped Science Laboratories that caters the needs for all of our scientific activities, under the care of a highly experienced Lab Technician, Mr Usama Razaq.

Our Science students have taken a keen interest in various courses. We offer Science subject to Years 7 – 10, and Biology, Chemistry, and Physics to Years 11 – 12. Term 1 will be filled with wonderful learning experiences, and students are going to challenge themselves throughout:

- Year 7 students will be using their creative thinking skills to create engaging posters about types of forces and their applications in our lives.
- Year 8 students will be learning about energy types including the importance of renewable and non-renewable energy types. Students in addition will develop valuable understanding of climate change issues and what strategies are used to tackle it.
- Year 9 students will be building their knowledge about different types of natural and man-made materials and their applications in our lives.
- Year 10 students will explore the world of genetics and evolution by Charles Darwin. Students will also be given the opportunity to explore various genetic technologies and cutting-edge research in biotechnology.
- Year 11 Biology students are going to enjoy an educational field trip to Brewongle Environmental Education Centre this term. The aim of the trip is to explore various ecosystems and estimate population sizes of various organisms found in the reserve.
- Year 11 Chemistry students will be using their knowledge obtained from the study of the periodic table to examine trends and patterns that exist between chemical elements and atoms in order to discover that fundamental particles, and their role in the structure of an atom, give all chemicals their properties.
- Year 11 Physics students will be observing the fundamental phenomenon in the study of kinematics where they come to understand that scientific knowledge enables scientists to offer valid explanations and make reliable predictions, particularly in regard to the motion of an object.
- Year 12 Biology students will be studying the effects of genetic changes by modifying the uses of biotechnology, which is relevant to the work of scientists in various fields such as agriculture, industry and medicine.
- Year 12 Chemistry students will perform a series of Titrations that facilitate calculation of an unknown acid, and InShaAllah will be taking part in the NSW Titration Competition organized by Royal Australian Chemical Institute.

It is going to be a very exciting term for all grades and we are looking forward to the new year! If you have any questions throughout the year, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself

([faaiza.nisha@aics.nsw.edu.au](mailto:faaiza.nisha@aics.nsw.edu.au)). Our students' education is our paramount goal, and we are always happy to provide necessary help wherever possible.

*Jazakullah Kheir*

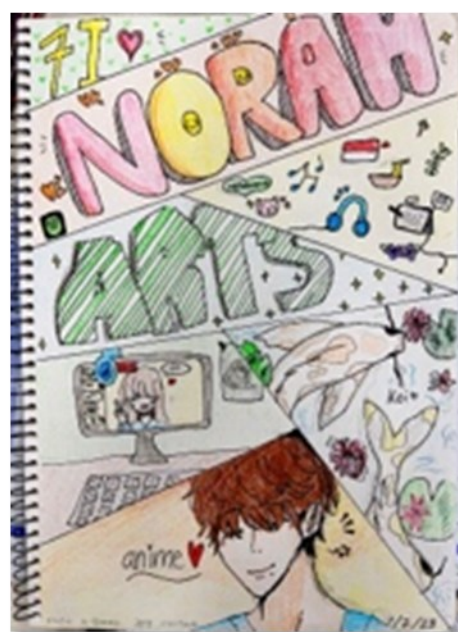
Ms. Faaiza Nisha

Science Head of Department

# Visual Arts Department

Ms Sandy Auduong

Hobbies are an important part of growing up. Hobbies take us out of our everyday experience and give us a chance to do something we love and are passionate about. Engaging in a hobby can be a mental escape, help us hone a skill, or just provide an opportunity to socialise with others whether it be online or face-to-face. During week 1 and 2, year 7 & 8 students were asked to create a title page that expresses 5 visual representations of a hobby or personal interest that the students have. Our stage 4 students really enjoyed this task and have produced so many wonderful drawings. More will be featured in the next newsletter from other classes.



# Visual Arts Department

Ms Sandy Auduong

