



ISLAMIC COLLEGE OF BRISBANE

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## FROM THE HEAD OF SECONDARY

Just a little over half way through the term and time for some academic feedback to families.

Parent Teacher Interviews start with Year 7 families on Thursday 8th March. It is our intent to hold an information session for each year group on the afternoon prior to their Parent Teacher Interviews. These sessions will start at 2.30pm and lead into the PT interviews.

PT interviews need to be booked online via Parent Lounge. The portal closes two working days prior to interviews.

Part of the content of the information sessions will be about communication and how parents access important information. It is apparent from many conversations with families

that they are missing out on crucial information that is accessible via the College website; in particular via Parent Lounge. Over the past week students have been reminded of the expectations with regard to school uniform. Nothing has changed in terms of the requirements (details available on the College website) but the enforcement of correct uniform has been stepped up. The consequence of not wearing correct uniform is detailed in the student diary and on the website. We hope that we will not be required to call parents!

Students have been given ample time to correct breaches with the possible

exception of shoes. It would be unreasonable to ask families to purchase correct shoes straight away so a reasonable timeframe has been given. Details of suitable shoes (including pictures) are on the website. For those families that have trouble sourcing correct fitting shoes, we are investigating purchase via the uniform shop.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Wednesday 7th March—Year 7 Picnic*
- *Thursday 8th March—Year 7 Information Session and PT Interviews*
- *Friday 9th March—Boys Night In*
- *Monday 12th March—Commonwealth Games Multi-Faith Service (off campus)*
- *Tuesday 13th March—Year 9 Information Session and PT Interviews*
- *Tuesday 13th March—Year 12 Biology Excursion*
- *Thursday 15th March—Secondary Swimming Carnival*
- *Friday 16th March—State Futsal Finals*

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## TEACHER FEATURE



Mrs Kaur (Sidhu) is a Senior Maths Teacher and a Year 8 Form Class Teacher. Varinder was born in Punjab, India. She completed a Master of Science (Botany) and a Bachelor of Education from the Punjabi University Patiala (India). She taught in India for 4 years before migrating to Australia. In Australia, she added to her qualifications, completing a Master of Teaching (Chemistry and Sci-

ence) from Griffith University and a Graduate Diploma in Mathematics from the USQ.

Varinder taught for three years in a state school before joining ICB in 2015.

Varinder is passionate about helping students achieve higher standards of knowledge, ability and skills and in developing the highest moral character.

# STUDENT WELL BEING

## Buddy Program

This year we have introduced a secondary buddy program at ICB. Volunteers from Year 11 & 12 have undertaken leadership training through an interactive workshop run by Character Builders in order to become positive leaders and peers to our Year 7 students. We have already had opportunities to build our Buddy relationships throughout the term and we look forward to many more activities and events to come!



## Welcome to High school – Year 7 Barbeque.

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, CPAC hosted a barbeque for our Year 7 students welcoming them to high school. This was a fantastic opportunity to share some food with peers, Year 11 & 12 buddies, teachers and special guests.



## Achieve

The 'Achieve' lesson that runs weekly on a Wednesday morning provides students with the opportunity to continue to work on various aspects of health and wellbeing. Year level coordinators have specifically designed term units (see table below) targeting areas of wellbeing that are a priority focus area for that particular cohort

### ACHIEVE—TERM 1

Year 7	VISIBLE LEARNING
Year 8	VISIBLE WELL-BEING
Year 9	CHARACTER STRENGTHS
Year 10	ALL ABOUT ME
Year 11	SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS
Year 12	GETTING READY

# STUDENT WELFARE

## INTERNET SAFETY and CYBER BULLYING

On 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, Mr Brett Lee (a former Undercover Internet Detective) delivered an engaging and powerful talk to the secondary students, to equip them with the skills and knowledge necessary to use the internet safely and to create an awareness of their rights and responsibilities in the digital world. He challenged students' mindsets and assumptions about the realities of the online world.

Some of his key points were on:-

- my online identity and the importance of protecting it and my password
- on line rules & laws,
- how private is the internet,
- people on the internet (strangers or friends?),
- cyberbullying,
- controlling and using the internet effectively,
- what happens to my online pictures and words?
- who can help me with my online problems?

We are hoping that students can protect themselves better, on line, now.

MRS M DEAN

## FROM THE ISLAMIC DESK

Assalam u alaykum wr wb

The most important anyone can learn which will make them happy is to learn values. Many times as Parents and Teachers, we become so academically driven that we forget the most important thing our children need to learn-values. **Abu Hurairah (RA) said, "I heard Abu al Qasim (Rasulullah (SAW)), say, 'The best among you in Islam are those with the best manners, so long as they develop a sense of understanding.'" (Al-Bukhari).** Many Ahaadeeth show the importance of teaching our children values. Courage, patience, tolerance, compassion, manners, kindness, generosity, etc are some of the values we need to inculcate in our students. Teaching our children the noble example of Our Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and his beloved Companions (RA) is one way we can achieve this. By reading one Hadeeth daily as a family preferably before meal times is a small but effective way we can get our children to understand these values.

Alhamdulillah ICB hosted the World Hijab Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018. Aisha Gouicem (Islamic Prefect) reflects:

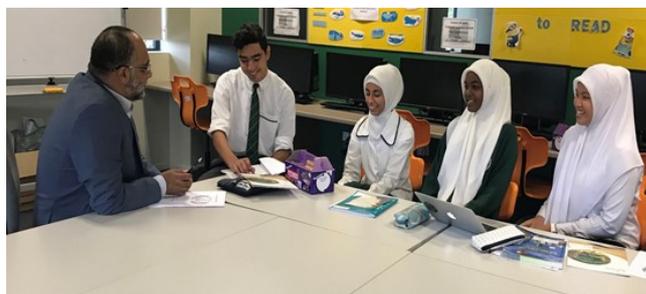
On the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, ICB held its annual world hijab day where all the female students were allowed to come in a non-school hijab for the day and the non-Muslim female teachers were also encouraged to try it out for the day. The year 12 girls set up a stall with various different hijabs for the female staff to try out, from the staff in the office staff to the secondary staff to the primary staff, there was a hijab for each of them to represent their personal style. Each teacher that put a hijab on was given a small gift of chocolates and a little note that said 'Happy World Hijab day' regardless of how long or how little they chose to keep it on for. Everyone was rewarded for their effort to try it out. Behind the stall, there was a huge poster that said "what does hijab mean to you?" where the students and teachers were able to write down what it meant to them. Students wrote all sorts of things from 'Hijab gives me freedom' to 'it gives me a sense of identity and confidence'. Ultimately the Hijab represents different things to different people and it is a spiritual journey that each individual goes on in their own time, making it unique to each individual. That is the beauty of hijab.

**Saturday Quran classes:** All students taking part in the Quran Competition are encouraged to come for Saturday Quran classes from 9:30am till 11:30am for the next 4 Saturdays. They will be assisted and corrected in order to prepare them better for the Quran Competition. **Please note that the Secondary Quran Competition will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 insha Allah.** All parents are urged to join us for a beautiful day of Quran.

Was Salaam

Imam Riyaz Seedat

## THE WEALTH ACADEMY PARTNER ORGANISATION HEJAZ FINANCIAL SERVICES



In the previous newsletter Mr Martineau introduced The Wealth Academy (TWA); an organisation providing Financial Literacy resources and support to schools. The partnership arrangement that TWA promotes links businesses (usually within the school community) to sponsor the school's subscription but, more importantly, to provide 'real life' experience to students. ICB now has its first partner in Hejaz Financial Services.

On 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018, the Business Development Manager of Hejaz Financial Services, a Sharia compliant finance company, Mr Abdul Khan was invited to our school as a guest speaker to share knowledge and experience on Human Resource Management (HRM) functions to Year 12 Business Management students. The lecture was very informative as the speaker, Mr Abdul Khan discussed the Human resource management functions of Hejaz Financial Services, AMP, and, Randstad. He also gave a brief background of each of these companies and an in-depth explanation of their HRM functions covering all the three phases of establishing, maintaining and terminating employment. This helped us significantly in compiling our business assignments which required us to audit a company's HRM functions and give recommendations for their improvement



# FUTSAL STATE TITLES

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March saw ICB enter a record number of Futsal teams into the South East Queensland Futsal State Titles run by Australian Futsal Association (AFA).

With a total of 11 teams, 7 Boys teams and 4 Girls teams entered it was a busy day for all involved but the effort on the day and hard work in training since the start of the school year was well worth it, with 4 Teams successfully making it through the group stages in first or second place and earning another day of competition on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

A total of 5 teachers took charge of teams on the day and it is thanks to their hard work and commitment that allowed the students to fully focus on enjoying the game. So a big thank you to Mrs Robertson, Miss Ahmad, Mr Trickett and Imam Riyaz.

It would be remiss to pick out individuals, however the day was particularly harsh on the Year 12, Under 19 Boys who missed out on qualification by a single goal.

The successful teams were; Under 12 Boys, Under 13 Boys A, Under 15 Boys and Under 13 Girls A teams, a big congratulations to those teams and all the students who represented ICB impeccably on the day.

This progress and success rate of attendees and finals qualifiers is the first tangible evidence that the fledgling Futsal program here at the College is beginning to have a benefit for the students. Term 2 and 3 will see ICB enter both Boys and Girls teams into the Bill Turner Cup, an Under 15's Outdoor Football (soccer) tournament run across QLD and NSW.

Yours in Futsal,

Craig Burchell

## 2018 ICAS COMPETITIONS

Dates for the 2018 ICAS competitions are as follows:

Digital Technologies	8th May
Science	29th May
English	31st July
Mathematics	14th August

A letter will be available for collection from Ms Felicity later this week. The return slip and payment will need to be back to the College by Friday 16th March to ensure entries arrive at UNSW before the closing date.

# HEALTH MATTERS

Exciting times ahead for the Health Centre with a move to a new location next to the uniform shop. The new and improved site now provides some much needed privacy for any children who may be unwell.

Parents are asked to continue to attend the reception area for collection of children who may be going home, or to provide any daily medication or action plans to the reception staff.

The process for students remains the same with teachers providing a diary note or permission slip for the students. The new location has been well received by the students, with many ideas on how to decorate their new space!

Just a quick reminder that some asthma and allergy action plans are outstanding. Without a plan or medication, your student may not be able to attend certain activities or excursions.

Also a reminder to Year 7 that immunisations take place on **Tuesday 13th March**

Yours in health,

Nurse Catherine

## QDU DEBATING COMPETITION 2018

This year ICB has entered a team in both the Year 7 and Year 8 Debating Competitions run by the Queensland Debating Union.

The Year 8 competition commences on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 8pm at Mansfield State High School. The topic for the debate is that we should ban Gossip magazines. The Year 7 competition starts later in the year. It may be necessary to take your child to the competition on the allotted nights. Generally, starting time is 6pm and the debate is completed by 7pm.

Some Year 11 students will be acting as coaches and mentors for the students during either Monday or Tuesday break.

If your child is interested in becoming part of the school's team, they need to put their name on the list on the noticeboard outside Mr Martineau's office or see Ms Hurditch.