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Dr. Abdul Mohaymen Kamareddine
School Principal

Principal's Message

Al Salamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu

It is with great pleasure that I write this message for the school's first newsletter for 2015.

For those who do not know me yet, my name is Abdul Mohaymen Kamareddine and I have been appointed as the school principal. I am very honoured and humbled by this appointment, which i consider it to be a huge *Amaanah* on my shoulders. I ask Allah SWT to guide me to fulfil it and I plan to dedicate all my time, energy, passion, relations and experience towards the betterment of ICOM and the wellbeing of its students and staff.

As for my background, I hold a PhD from the University of Melbourne plus many other qualifications and I am currently undertaking a Master of Teaching (Educational Leadership) at Monash University. I am very active in the community and I enjoy working with the youth.

The Islamic college of Melbourne is a community school and I joined it for this very reason. I intend to maintain and deepen this beautiful sense of community, which makes ICOM a unique school. The aim of our school is to educate and encourage our children to grow up to be young men and women who will excel in all they pursue in their life; including achieving excellence in their Islamic education and values too. Insha'Allah this will help them attain success in both this world and the next.

Furthermore, I am pleased to announce the creation of two new leadership positions at ICOM, the first position is Assistant principal/Head of Secondary and it is occupied by a very experienced and professional academic, Dr Mahmoud Eid. The second position is Head of Primary and is occupied by a very enthusiastic and community oriented academic, Ms Fatima Arakji.

Finally, I would like to emphasize on the fact that I am always available for any discussion, feedback, comment, complaint or just chat with any of our parents. Parents are welcome to come and see me at any time whether it is during the morning assembly, throughout the school day or after school has finished at pick up time. This is, of course, in addition to the parental committee which I plan to make more effective so that it plays a very important advisory role to the school management.

Alhamdullilah, we have already started a new initiative which is a daily morning assembly which will be soon led and delivered by the school students. Also, In addition to our new bigger library, 2015 will witness many exciting projects, which will include a state of the art 5 million dollar gymnasium and the construction of Davis Creek Road, which will help ease the traffic congestion problem at the school.

The Islamic College of Melbourne prides itself in providing its students with a learning environment that will make them the most unique and successful of individuals. Insha'Allah 2015 will be a special year for our children.

Dr. Abdul Mohaymen Kamareddine

Principal



Dr Mahmoud Eid
Assistant Principal/Head of Secondary

Assistant Principal/Head of Secondary Message

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahamtullah Wa Barakatuh

Dear respected parents,

I hope my message finds you and your family in good health and in the highest level of Iman.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have been in the education sector for more than 20 years so far, of which the last 13 years were in Australia (Western Australia and Victoria). With my leadership skills, knowledge of Australian curriculum and excellent knowledge of the context of Australian Muslim schools, Insha'a Allah I am hoping to make a real difference in the school's progress and performance. It is my pleasure to be a member of the family of the Islamic College of Melbourne and I am honoured to be a member of the leadership team of the school.

Insha'a Allah together - with our lovely, young, motivated and enthusiastic Principal (Dr Abdul Kamareddine), Sr Fatima Arakji (the Head of the primary) and the school coordinators and teachers - we will do our best as one team to lift up the standard of the school to a level that makes you and our students proud to be associated with the Islamic College of Melbourne. As a team, we hope to achieve the following goals:

1. Academic excellence
2. Improve our students' achievement levels in numeracy and literacy
3. Compete with elite schools in Victoria
4. Quality Islamic education
5. Staff and students' wellbeing
6. Safe and caring environment for all
7. Staff professional development
8. Pedagogy that is based on differentiation and ICT integration
9. Short and long term strategic planning to achieve the school Board's vision for the college.
10. Internal school review to reflect on our strength and weakness

I kindly ask for your support and cooperation to help achieving the college goals. I have an open door policy and I am approachable at any time for your suggestions and feedback.

Finally, in my capacity as an Assistant Principal and Head of Secondary, I promise to do my best in order to move the school forward. I am confident that together we can make greater progress towards the college's goals and objectives. Our commitment is to provide the best education (secular and Islamic) to our future generation.

Jazakum Allah Khairan

Dr Mahmoud Eid
Assistant Principal & Head of Secondary

Together we make the difference



Ms Fatima Arakji
Head of Primary School

Head of Primary School Message

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahamtullah Wa Barakatuh

It has been a huge honour to be appointed the Head of Primary School, a position which I take wholeheartedly. Since the school first opened in2011, I have seen many changes, and I look forward to being a part of taking ICOM to the next level.

Working alongside Dr. Abdul Mohaymen Kamareddine, Dr Mahmoud Eid, our highly qualified coordinators and teachers, I have no doubt that 2015 will be a successful year In shaa Allah! The future looks very bright.

I am very excited and enthusiastic of what the future holds for our school!
Our vision for the school is to help develop our youth of today into fine future leaders of tomorrow! With the support of the community, I'm sure we will achieve this.

If ever you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to approach me and In shaa Allah we will try to accommodate your requests/resolve any matters that is at hand.

Ms Fatima Arakji
Head of Primary School

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Important Reminders / Information

School Assembly

Every morning there will be a daily assembly at 8:40am. Students will need to be at school no later than 8:30am. The daily assembly will consist of recitation from the Holy Quran, Duaa and important announcements.

Islamic studies / Arabic books

Parents and guardians, who did not collect Islamic studies/Arabic books yet, please make sure to collect them from the college on Friday 6/2/15 between 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm sharp.

Parents information evening

There will be a parents **ONLY** information evening at the school on Friday, 13 February 2015. Information packs will be given to the parents highlighting and summarizing what students are learning each term in their classes. This will give a good insight to the parents on the concepts being taught.

School dismissal

There has been a slight change in the dismissal time of the students of the college. From 2015, the school day ends at 3:20. Please ensure that you pick up your children on time.

Quran Program

The students will receive Quran classes twice a week and homework will be sent home once a week. **Teachers need last year's grey folder and Iqra books back to assess the students**. If your child has lost their grey folder or Iqra books, please purchase them from the office.

Please make sure that the folder is signed every week before it is returned to school.

If you have any questions regarding the Quran program, you are welcome to make appointment at the office to meet with your child's Quran teacher after school.



Important Reminders /Information



New playground



New Library



New Food Technology Area

Uniform

- Students are expected to be in full summer uniform this term. Every student will need a sun hat to protect them from the sun.
- All male students need to ensure that they have a respectable haircut. Hair style is a matter that requires good taste and a judgment as to what is in the best interest of the school overall. The College leadership team has the final say as to the appropriateness of a hairstyle. Parents are asked to assist by ensuring that their son's hairstyle conforms to the following:
  1. Hair should be neatly cut, combed and maintained.
  2. Undercut styles are not acceptable, nor are tracks or lines.
  3. Dramatic layered effect of levels is not permitted.
  4. Hair should not be overly styled by the use of hair products.

- Students are expected to wear **plain** black runners.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher/coordinator.

School canteen

On the 9th of February the school canteen will be open for the students of the college. The canteen service will be running five days a week, every recess and lunch.

School Facilities

Alhamdulillah there have been many developments for 2015. The school has invested in a new library, playground, shaded area for the students, landscaping, ICT Lab, art room, food technology room, science lab and canteen. In sha Allah the students will benefit and enjoy these new facilities.