

NEWSLETTER



WESTERN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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VISION

Our vision is to be an exceptional Australian educational institute based on Islamic teachings.

Our mission is to provide quality education in a caring environment producing ethical, resilient, life-long learners.

Our motto is *"Excellence through Learning"*

Our core values are:

- Work hard and smart
- Grow purposefully and holistically
- Succeed academically and ethically



Assistant Principal's Message

By Mr Zulqarnan Malik

It was a lovely start to Week 4 as we welcomed students and staff back on-site for face-to-face learning. The sight of eager faces at the gate was a wonderful way to start the day. All students adhered to the COVID safe restrictions by wearing masks and following instructions. I would like to thank the parents for their patience and cooperation during drop off and pick up.

Students have returned to school with a strong commitment to learning and have been doing a wonderful job of following the COVID safety guidelines of reduced mingling, wearing of masks, keeping within their year groups and getting used to their cohorts.

Our Year 10 students are currently completing their final examinations while Kindergarten to Year 9 have been preparing well for the upcoming examinations for Islamic Studies in Week 6 and other KLAS in Week 7. I wish them the very best and advise them not to stress during the exams as it has been a difficult and challenging year for learning.

I would also like to formally welcome Ms. Aisha Hassan and Ms. Ebru Cetinay to the Western Grammar School family. Ebru is taking care of Year 3 and Aisha is performing the duties of a learning support teacher.

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Notices

School Fees

Fees paid by parents play a major role in enabling WGS to meet its operating costs. Please ensure any remaining fees for the year have been paid.

Save Your Seat!

WGS has started providing a bus service for the convenience of our students and parents. The transport service is highly subsidized and parents are urged to take advantage of it.

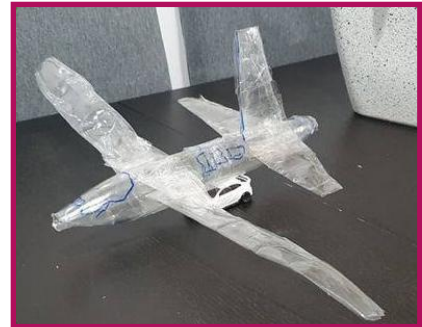
Recycling Fun

The Primary SRC team kick-started Term 4 with yet another innovative competition for students whilst on remote learning. The competition involved creating a project of their choice using recycled materials in their home. Students were encouraged to become as creative as possible, thinking outside the box.

This competition proved to be quite difficult to judge as many students showcased designs and models that were amazing to say the least.

Our winners for the competition were Aydin Ahmed (Y1) Yahya Noori (Y3), Bilal Khan (Y4), and Shams Mashrafi (Y5).

Well done to these winners and all who participated! We are super proud of all your efforts!



“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”

–Anthony J. D’Angelo



SRC Elections

Following a week of campaigning, the result of the elections for the new school captains and vice captains was finally revealed. We are proud to announce that our leaders for 2022 are:

Captains

Taahir Mahomed
Yasmeen Chandab

Vice Captains

Isaac Baxter
Laibah Ahmed

Congratulations to our new leaders! We are very grateful to the outgoing captains and vice captains of 2021. We pray that Allah guides and protects these budding leaders of our community.

Welcome Back!

After months of online learning, yesterday we welcomed back our staff and students at school and the expressions of joy and excitement on everyone's faces said it all. Everyone was happy to be back, Alhamdulillah. And what better way to say: "we missed you and welcome back" than with food?!

Our Wellbeing and Admin teams put on a special sausage sizzle for all on the first day back and needless to say, it went down well.

We thank and praise Allah for allowing us to reunite face to face with our students and pray that He, The Almighty, safeguards us all and makes this a memorable and beneficial term. Ameen.



Important Dates

Week 6:

M-F: Islamic Studies Exams

Th: Debate Competition

Week 7:

M: General Exams Start

Week 8:

M-F: PAT Exams

Week 9:

M: Principal's Morning Tea

F: Year 12 Graduation

Week 10:

M: Year 6 Graduation

Th: Last Day of School

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Year 12 Farewell

Last Friday, Western Grammar bid farewell to our Year 12 students of 2021. We hosted a farewell brunch for them and their HSC teachers, creating a great opportunity to share sentiments, gratitude, and advice.

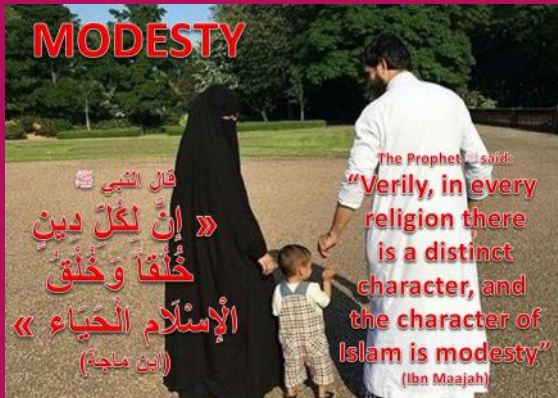
Congratulations to all our Year 12 students of 2021 for completing their 13 year journey of schooling. It has been a tough last couple of years, but they have pushed through with great resilience and determination.

A big thank you to all the parents and teachers for being so supportive.

InshaAllah we will hold the Year 12 Graduation Dinner later on in the year to further celebrate these students and their accomplishments.



Hadith of the Week



Parenting Program

Last Thursday, the WGS Well-being Department hosted the second Parenting Workshop for Term 4, presented by Sheikh Abdullah Hakeem.

Tackling a very difficult yet real topic, Sheikh Abdullah explored many important concepts, stating evidences from the Quran and Sunnah, and enlightening us about:

- The parent's responsibility in raising our children in an Islamic environment
- Knowing what our children are exposed to and the effect these exposures have
- Understanding the mistakes parents make
- Knowing why conflict management is so important when raising children
- How to take the proactive approach
- Using the Quran to deal with conflicting ideologies
- Being ready and understanding how to manage conflict with our pre-teens and teenagers

Lastly a reminder to keep making duah for our children and to sincerely turn to Allah to keep them guided and on the straight path. JazakAllahu khairan to all parents who attended. We hope you found it beneficial InshaAllah.

