



# Newsletter

## Green Valley Islamic College

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## GVIC

Respect

Ownership

Caring

Knowledge

Safety

### School Term Dates

#### Term 1

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January  
– Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

#### Term 2

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April –  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

#### Term 3

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July –  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

#### Term 4

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October –  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
December

**\*Subject to change.**

### THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD'S MESSAGE

Assalamu Alaykum

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to advise that Ms Yasmin Gamiendien has been appointed the Principal of Green Valley Islamic College.

Ms Gamiendien has led several Islamic schools in Sydney in her role as a Principal and brings with her a wealth of experience in the field of education. We look forward to her leadership in taking this school in the field of education.

The Board has a vision of excellence and we are on a path of continued improvement in the area of teaching and learning. We look forward to a spirit of cooperation and teamwork in achieving our goals.

Insha Allah, we will strive to produce lifelong learners who will excel academically as well as be leading examples of Islamic ambassadors and citizens of this country.

We welcome Ms Gamiendien to GVIC and wish her well.

Mr Rizvi Khan

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Assalamu Alaykum

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2019. I do hope you've all had a relaxing holiday with your families and that you're excited and prepared to commence the 2019 school year.

I am privileged to be working with the parents, students and staff of Green Valley Islamic College and I look forward to serving you as Principal.

A warm welcome to the new families joining our community as well as the continuing families. We will strive to provide excellent education for your children in a caring and supportive environment upholding our Positive Behaviour values of respect, ownership, care, knowledge and safety.

I believe that every student can learn successfully through effort, hard work and the support of parents and teachers. We plan to support the students at our school every step of the way, and together with their effort and the added guidance of parents, they will attain their goals.

I trust that the important information contained in this newsletter will assist you in working with the school on a day to day basis in a spirit of cooperation.

Mrs Yasmin Gamiendien

## ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S (SECONDARY) MESSAGE

Assalamu Alaykum

First and foremost, all praises be to Allah (SWT) for giving us another academic year. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you and our students to the 2019 school year. Insha'Allah, this year brings with it possibilities and opportunities that our students can capitalise on. Here at Green Valley Islamic College, we recognise that educating our future leaders requires productive parent – teacher partnership. This partnership has the responsibility for our children's success, and we assure you that we will work to the best of our ability to fulfil our responsibilities.

Please note the following important matters.

- Purchase your text books and have all other stationery ready
- Be at school by 8:15am
- Be punctual to classes
- Pack healthy recess and lunch
- Keep a good balance between study, sleep and exercise
- Consistently complete your homework
- Know your lesson timetable and pack your bag before you go to sleep

I look forward to working with you and your children to help them achieve their learning outcomes and to make their education journey at Green Valley Islamic College a pleasant one.

Mr Riaaz Ali

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S (PRIMARY) MESSAGE

On behalf of primary, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our students and their families as we begin the 2019 academic year, with high hopes of students reaching excellence. I would also like to congratulate the 2019 kindergarten students, who have settled in remarkably well and have adjusted to the routines of their class. Insha Allah, with parental support we will ensure that each student is given every opportunity to receive quality education in a safe and supportive environment.



### After School Support Program

Parents of Years 2 to 6 are advised that the **After School Program** will commence on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Please note that all years 3 and 5 students are encouraged to take advantage of the additional support provided by the class teachers in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. Only limited places will be

offered for years 2, 4 and 6 students. Students' admission to the program this will be based on their attainment at the end of 2018. Permission slips will be sent to parents prior to the start of the program. The additional support offered by the school is of great benefit to your children, and we request your cooperation in making suitable arrangements.

### **Student Class Placements for 2019**

Our teachers have dedicated many hours and shared detailed student data across grades to form the 2019 classes. Consideration is given to the academic, social and emotional needs of over 600 students, and the best combinations have been created by the teachers to meet students' envisaged academic outcomes. Kindly refrain from requesting for your children to be transferred between classes and allow them to settle in and continue with their learning. Children are very adaptable, and often just need time to adjust. Your support of your children and the school during this process will be hugely appreciated.

### **Student Safety/ Well-being**

To further improve student safety in 2019, we would like to strictly adhere to "NO PARENTS OR VISITORS ALLOWED BEYOND SCHOOL OFFICE" unless they have been given a Visitor Card from the office. Kindergarten students' transition zone will be Undercover B. There will be teachers on duty to monitor this. Likewise parents entering from the drop off zone will not be permitted beyond Area E, near the canteen. For parents of children who have anxiety concerns, please see the Deputy Principal ASAP. At home-time, to ensure students are being safely picked up, our usual procedure as it is now will be allowed. As you may be aware, for the remote controlled gate to function, parents need to ensure that they are standing at a certain distance away from it; this gate will be opened just before student dismissal time.

Please support our school's initiatives, as these measures have been taken with student safety in mind and this will help to ensure strangers do not have access to our school grounds. However, parents are reminded that our school provides 24/7 security services and student safety is of paramount importance to the school.

### **Calendar of Major Events for 2019**

The 2019 School Calendar can be accessed from the school website. However, the following are some of the key dates for the year:

Term	Week	Date	Event
1	1	Wednesday 30/01/19	Kindergarten starts school
1	1	Thursday 31/01/19	Years One – Six return
1	2	Tuesday 05/02/19	Years Two, Four and Six After School Classes begin
1	3	Wednesday 13/02/19	Primary Parent Information Session
1	5	Tuesday 26/02/19	Primary School Photo Day
1	5	Thursday 28/02/19	SRC/PBS Induction
1	9	25/03/19 – 29/03/19	Term One Examinations
1	9	Thursday 28/03/19	Parents' Workshop
1	11	Wednesday 10/04/19	Parent- Teacher Interviews
2	1	Tuesday 30/04/19	Years Two – Six After School Classes begin
2	3	14/05/19 – 24/05/19	NAPLAN – Online Test Window opens
2	7	11/06/19 – 14/06/19	Term Two Examinations
2	10	Thursday 04/07/19	Parent- Teacher Interviews
3	2	Tuesday 30/07/19	After School Classes begin
3	2	Saturday 03/08/19	Pre-kindergarten interviews (9:00 am

			- 1:00 pm)
3	8	09/09/19 – 13/09/19	Term Three Examinations
3	8	Thursday 12/09/19	Parents' Workshop
3	10	Thursday 26/09/19	Parent- Teacher Interviews
4	1	Tuesday 15/10/19	After School Classes begin
4	2	Tuesday 22/10/19	Pre-kindergarten orientation and classes begin
4	4	Thursday 07/11/19	GAT Examination (External students included)
4	7	25/11/19 - 29/11/19	Yearly Examinations
4	9	Thursday 12/12/19	Year Six Graduation
4	10	Monday 16/12/19	Kindergarten Graduation
4	10	Tuesday 17/12/19	Annual Awards Ceremony: Years 1-6

### **Students' Representative Council (SRC)/ PBS Induction**

Within the next three weeks students will go through a rigorous selection process to be nominated for SRC/PBS prefects. The SRC policy will be strictly adhered to for the process. The parents of the selected students will be invited to attend the Induction Ceremony on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February. Insha Allah we look forward to having the most suitable candidates being elected.

Mrs Samina Ali