



Western Grammar School
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NEWSLETTER

SENIOR MANAGEMENT MESSAGE

Assalamu Alaikum,

Alhamdulillah, another school year has come to an end. This year had many unique challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic and Western Grammar School rose to these challenges admirably.

We eagerly await the results of our third cohort of HSC students and despite them experiencing the difficulty of Covid-19, we believe that our students will achieve their best results.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year a success. We are keen to meet 2021 with the same determination, passion and commitment shown this year. I strongly believe that, with the will of the Almighty and hard work of our dedicated team at WGS, we will deliver more than the expectations of our parents and the community.

I look forward to seeing you all again in 2021. Have a pleasant break and may Allah bless us all.

Mr Irfan Afzal, Principal

CHARITY FUNDRAISER

Two representatives from the local charity, House of Sakina, visited our school on 15 November to receive the amount of \$2,700 donated by students and staff. Our Year 1 class raised the most and presented the donation to the charity. The money will be used to support their work helping women in need with food, clothing and accommodation. Thank you for the generosity of all those who gave.



KNOWLEDGE IS THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION



VISION

"Western Grammar seeks to foster in our students understanding and respect for each other and for the diversity of multicultural communities in Australia. Students are encouraged to be innovative, creative and problem-solving individuals. Students strive to achieve their personal best in an ideal educational and Islamic environment. They will be able to take their place with pride in the community and in the world."

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Admin Notes

Attendance & Punctuality

The school gates open at 8am. Students should only arrive to school after 8am as there is no supervision before that time. Students should be dropped at the Bottles Road entrance. All students must arrive at school before 8:20 am when the morning assembly starts. If a student is absent, parents are kindly requested to provide a medical certificate or a written not justifying the absence.

School Fees

Fees paid by parents play a major role in enabling WGS to meet its operating costs. Therefore, prompt payment of fees is highly appreciated.

Car Park Safety!

Parents/carers who use the car park for drop-off and pick-up must be extra vigilant and adhere to the following guidelines:

- follow the directions of staff in the car park
- do not exceed the speed limit of 5 kmp/h
- use lane 1 if possible (so that students don't have to walk across any lanes of the car park)
- accompany your child if they have to cross any lanes
- avoid reversing (wait for the car in front of you to move)
- merge carefully and courteously allowing others to drive out of the car park safely

COMMERCE STALLS

Year 10 Commerce students were tasked with a challenge to work in groups to design and create their own business suitable for K-12 students. The students have been working for a few weeks on this, creating an original idea, writing a business proposal, undertaking market research and forecasting finances such as expenses and sales. A variety of stalls including pizza, Mexican cuisine, burgers, sumo wrestling competitions and dessert bars were on offer throughout the day on Tuesday 1 December.

The students learnt a lot from planning and running the stalls such as the ethics of Islamic financial transactions, group work, problem solving, resilience and perseverance. The students will be donating a percentage of their profits to the WGS welfare fund.



“Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardour and diligence.” – Abigail Adams

GRAND CANYON HIKE

Our Year 9, 10, and 12 students had the opportunity to go on an excursion to the Grand Canyon Hiking Trail located in the Blue Mountains.

Before beginning the hike, the students enjoyed breathtaking views of the Three Sisters along with Evans Lookout.

The students began the 7km hike with excitement and full of energy. They relished the difficulty and challenge of the hike but found the final kilometer incline very testing.

Alhamdulillah, everyone completed the hike exhausted, but safe and sound. The students were then treated to a delicious charcoal chicken lunch.



TARONGA ZOO (PRIMARY)

On the 2nd of December our Kindergarten and Year 2 students went on their first excursion of the year to Sydney Taronga Zoo. The bus ride was full of laughter, excitement and big smiles.

Students got the opportunity to meet animals up close and participated in an hands-on animal encounter class. Students thoroughly enjoyed the tiger trek, rainforest trail and seal show.

Alhamdulillah, it was a fantastic way to end the year. Students were exhausted and had a good sleep on the bus ride back to school.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Thursday 10 December—End of Year Award Assemblies
- Thursday 10 December—Last day of school for students (early dismissal at 1:30 pm)
- Monday 11 January 2021—Office re-opens
- Monday 11 to Friday 15 January 2021—Uniform shop open from 10am to 2pm
- Wednesday 27 January 2021—First day of school for students
- Thursday 1 April 2021—Last day of school for Term 1

YEAR 12 CELEBRATION DINNER

WGS held its inaugural Year 12 Celebration Dinner, marking the completion of the HSC exams and thirteen years of schooling for its third cohort of graduates. The stellar event included speeches, awards, an entertaining video, gifts and a fair amount of farewell tears and best wishes.

Parents, teachers, board members and friends spent a warm and enjoyable evening celebrating with graduates the end of a journey and the start of a new chapter in their young lives. We wish them well for the future and pray that Allah (swt) guides them to what is best.



SEA AND WILD LIFE EXCURSION

On the 3rd of December, Year 1 students had the opportunity to visit Sydney Sea Life and Wild Life. It was a day full of experiencing some of Allah's creations and appreciating their beauty and uniqueness.

Year 1 got their hands into the waters and got to feel the textures of coral and starfish. Students were amazed by the dark room surrounded by glass and glowing jellyfish swimming around them.

It was truly an experience to remember!

Alhamdullilah we had a great time!



BIOLOGY & STUDIES OF RELIGION EXCURSION– YEAR 12

WGS Year 12 Biology and Studies of Religion students went on an excursion to Taronga Zoo in Sydney. We investigated heredity and reproduction in organisms, as well as the environmental ethics when dealing with the captivity of animals.

We also toured the zoo and saw a plethora of wildlife from the infuriated chimpanzees to the majestic Bongo.

During a very informative presentation, we were educated on the behind the scenes work done by the zoo which revolves around the study and conservation of animal species, such as the Corroboree Frog.

Alhamdulillah, it was a wonderful experience exploring the wildlife and sustainable environment at Taronga Zoo.

