

NEWSLETTER



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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

Principal's Message

By Mr Irfan Afzal

Alhamdulillah, this term we celebrated the 10-year anniversary of Western Grammar School. It has been a long journey up to this point, and we have achieved many things that would not have been possible without the support of board members, staff, students and the school community. JazakAllah Khair.

I am happy to announce that the development application for Buildings 3 and 4 have been approved by LEC and we are in the process of starting construction for an admin building and an underground car park, a significant addition to the school infrastructure. Our goal is to provide our students with the tools and the environment they need to succeed, and having purpose-built classrooms and facilities is an essential part of that. Insha'Allah, we seek to have these facilities operational before the end of 2023. The new building will allow us to increase student numbers therefore the school will be able to cater for more students.

I wish you all a pleasant term break.

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Notices

Uniform

Please note that students who are wearing the incorrect uniform and do not have a note from parents/carers will be sent to the office. The parents/carers will be called to bring the correct uniform. If parents cannot provide the correct uniform the child will be sent home. The incident will then be recorded.

Shop Timings

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the uniform shop will only be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30am-2:00pm. Parents should contact the school office for assistance.

Youth Forum

On Monday 5th of September 2022, five of our students had an opportunity to be apart of the annual Youth Forum which was held at the Blacktown Council. Around 15 other schools participated in the whole day event which was full of workshops and talks by other youth leaders and experts in youth rights.

Students were separated into groups, thus allowing them to socialise, discuss and share their views about important issues impacting the Youth of Blacktown Council. Two of our students were given the opportunity to share their teams ideas for improvement infront of the chamber led by the Mayor of Blacktown. After the event was over our students got a chance to dicuss some of their future goals and ideas with the Mayor and other Council



“Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one .” –*Malcolm Forbes*



Science Week

Science Week at Western Grammar School was an unforgettable experience, filled with curiosity, joy and excitement.

Throughout the week students explored the topic Glass: More than Meets the Eye. They participated in competitions and activities to educate, inspire and motivate them to engage in a hands-on science learning experience. Some of the highlights of the week were making glass cookies, building strength towers and kaleidoscopes, the science museum and science shows, poster competitions, scavenger hunts, mini project competitions and last but not least, the bake sale, with all proceeds going to the orphan fund,

Alhamdulillah, it has been a great week.

Athletics Carnival

On Friday 2nd September, WGS held their long-awaited annual athletics carnival, an amazing opportunity to showcase the athletic abilities of students in various sports competitions. There was an amazing turnout, with both students and staff donning their house colours and spirits. This year, we took the opportunity to launch the new House Cup, with new teams, new flags and fantastic new team mascots.

There was a roar of excitement throughout the day as fierce competition was underway. Students competed with their everything that they had, earning valuable points for their teams. The final results were announced at school on the 8th: congratulations to the Green Bears, who won first place, and a hearty thank you for all the participants, staff and families who made the event such a success. See you at the games next year!



Important Dates

Week 1:

T: First day of Term 4
W: Year 7 vaccinations

Week 2:

M-F: SRC elections

Week 4:

W: Seniors luncheon

Week 5:

M: Year 10 exams start
Islamic exams start

**may be subject to change*

10 Year Anniversary

The past. The present. The future. All were on display at Western Grammar School's 10 Year Anniversary event held on Friday the 9th of September 2022 at the Novella on The Park reception center.

Attendees were treated to speeches from across the spectrum of those involved with the school. All had their unique contributions to share, stemming from their individual interactions with WGS and each reiterated the strange and subtle magic that pulls one into the WGS' orbit. Much reflection was directed towards the way that the school has developed from its humble beginnings to its current state, as well as the pathways and developments planned for its future.

Overall, the event was a night of celebration and unbridled optimism for what may come in the following decade for a school that has grown and developed at a remarkable pace. Western Grammar School showed just why it is a school that consistently manages to punch above its weight. The event itself was grand, reflective and wonderfully hopeful as students, staff and the broader community joined hands to look back whilst excitedly and simultaneously looking beyond.



Hadith of the Week

SUPPORT



قال النبي ﷺ
«**الْمُؤْمِنُ لِلْمُؤْمِنِ كَالْبَيْتِ إِذَا بَنِيَ بَعْضُهُ بَعْضًا**»
(متفق عليه)
The Prophet ﷺ said:
"A believer to another is like a building, each part supporting the other"
(Agreed upon)

FOLLOWING THE SUNNAH



قال النبي ﷺ
«**عَلَيْكُمْ بِسُنَّتِي وَسُنَّةِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمُهْتَدِينَ**»
بِقَدِّي « (ابن ماجه)
The Prophet ﷺ said:
"Stick to my Sunnah and the Sunnah of the Rightly Guided Caliphs after me"
(Ibn Maja'ah)

GOOD CHARACTER



قال النبي ﷺ
«**إِنَّمَا بُعِثْتُ لِأَتَمِّمَ مَكَارِمَ الْأَخْلَاقِ**»
(احمد)
The Prophet ﷺ said:
"Verily, I have been sent to perfect good character"
(Ahmad)

PHYSICAL HEALTH



قال النبي ﷺ
«**الْمُؤْمِنُ الْقَوِيُّ خَيْرٌ وَأَحَبُّ إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِ الضَّعِيفِ**»
(مسلم)
The Prophet ﷺ said:
"A strong believer is better and more loved by Allah than a weak believer"
(Muslim)

Quran Competition

On the 10th of September 2022, Unity Grammar organised and hosted the 'Light Upon Light' Inter-School Quran Competition with Western Grammar School, along with five other schools, being a part of that competition. Four representative students from each school participated, two from primary (Years 4-6) and two from high school (Years 7-10).

The representatives from WGS Primary were Fathurrahman Saputra (Year 6) and Ismail Abdullah (Year 6) and the High School representatives were Mariam Hussain (Year 10) and Mariam Ahmed (Year 10). These students were selected from a qualifying round that was held at school.

The students from all schools were extremely competitive and had excellent pronunciation, tajweed and fluency. The competitors were asked to read half a page from anywhere in the Quran followed by reaching half a page from the judges' choice.

After careful deliberation from the judges, Alhamdulillah, WGS came first in Category 1 (Primary) with Fathurrahman Saputra winning first place, and in Category 2 (High School) WGS came third with Mariam Ahmed taking out 3rd place. Incredible achievement by all our WGS representatives.

May Allah bless and reward our students, their parents and teachers. I ask Allah to fill our hearts with the love of the Quran and follow upon its teachings.

