



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### ▶ MARCH

#### Monday 11th:

Labour Day - NO SCHOOL

#### Tuesday 12th:

College Photos

#### Tuesday 12th to Wednesday 13th:

Year Three & Five Swimming

#### Wednesday 20th:

Year Six - Year 12 Athletics Day

#### Thursday 21st:

Harmony Day

#### Thursday 28th:

Parent Teacher Interviews  
(No Students)

#### Friday 29th:

MS Assembly (2.00 p.m)

JS Assembly (2.40 p.m)

## ▶ PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Assalamu alaikum Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

I hope that you have all made a smooth start to the 2019 School Year and have settled in well to your classes. I am happy to report that our College is growing in numbers – currently our student population is sitting at 604 and we look forward to this trend continuing over the years to come.

Yesterday we had a very special guest visiting our College. We were proud to host His Excellence, Mr. Korhan Karakoç, Turkey's newly appointed Ambassador to Australia. We warmly welcomed Mr. Karakoç to our College and are very grateful for his visit. Mr. Karakoç toured our College and joined Leadership and Board Members for afternoon tea. We thank Mr. Karakoç for his insights and expression of his fondness regarding Mt Hira College. We very much look forward to welcoming Mr. Karakoç back again in the near future and we wish him every success in his new appointment as he settles into Canberra. We would also like to thank Mr. Ilhan sener, the Consul-General in Melbourne for organising Mr. Karakoç's visit to Mt Hira College and for accompanying us and supporting our College. We wish to convey our sincere gratitude.



Happy International Women's Day and I wish you all a good long weekend.

Mr. Kadir Emniyet  
Principal

## VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2019 school year! It has been a great start to the year and to build on 2018 we have plans to continue to develop the school in many aspects.

One of the major highlights of this term was the occupancy of the Senior School building. The senior students have voiced their appreciation for the opportunity to use the new classroom facilities and learning spaces. Other initiatives that have started this term include the before school, afterschool and lunch time Mathematics support classes. Additionally, we have started a senior school lunch time English support class which we are planning to expand in the near future to middle school. Before school Qur'an classes have also commenced. Our teachers have also started Debating, Art and Computer clubs. Last but not least we have a daily lunch time sports training program for students being led by the Health and Physical Education domain and some volunteer teachers. Things are in full swing.

The commencement of term one has brought with it many new opportunities for students to study, build skills and have fun in a variety of areas. For these programs to be a success, students need to take the initiative to participate and parents to encourage and support them. We are committed to nurturing and developing all of our students.

My very best regards,

Mr. Shefik Sahingoz  
Vice-Principal

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Junior School,

Welcome to all families, existing and new, to the 2019 educational year. We have had a positive start to the year with our Foundation students settling in and finally coming to school full time. There have been some exhausted Mt. Hira College students in the afternoons, ready to jump in to bed. Our new students seem to have formed some friendships and have familiarised themselves with the College environment. Thank you to all Mt. Hira College students for welcoming our new students warmly, and showing them the true Mt. Hira spirit.

Our first Junior School Assembly was held and run by our 2019 Core Leaders and we had some nervous students who did a great job. You will notice this year that the Core Leaders will have more responsibility during our assemblies and they will conduct most of the program. They are our future leaders, so it is great to facilitate and encourage this growth in our students. Our Marine Ambassadors and House Captains will also have many more opportunities to be involved in assembly presentations. It is amazing to have so many students strive to do better and push themselves to work through challenges.

Parents would have received an SMS from the College, warning them about some of the dangers currently faced while using devices and accessing the internet. I would just like to reiterate this concern in our newsletter, as the safety of our students is of utmost importance. We urge you to supervise the games your children play and be extremely mindful of the videos they are watching on You Tube, Facebook and WhatsApp. This is very important due to the MOMO challenge going around recently. Ensure that the devices they have access to are restricted to age suitable content and that they are visible to you at all times.

Another safety concern is the number of students who do not have hats. Mt. Hira College is a sun safe school and all students in the Junior School must wear sun smart hats in Terms One and Four, regardless of the weather conditions. We have a 'No Hat, No Play' rule and students who do not have hats will be required to sit in the shade. If your child does not have a hat please ensure your child has a hat as soon as possible, and that it is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Preparations have already commenced for the Year Five camp which will be held from the 25th of June to the 28th of June. Thank you to the parents who attended the information session and to the students who have already returned their deposit and forms.

Ms. Hulya Ucler  
Head of Junior School

# MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Assalamu Alaykum Parents and Students,

## Smooth Start to 2019

Welcome to new students in Year Six and all the others across Years Seven to Nine. I trust that you will find your choice of Mt Hira College a good one. I wish everyone well in his or her journey of learning this year. I am delighted to report that the start of the year was incredibly smooth with the Year Seven students attending their annual Camp to Ace-Hi Ranch. The students were involved in many events including team building activities, which gave them the opportunity to bond with old friends and make new friends along the way.

Our first 6 to 9 Middle School Assembly was held on the 15/2, during this assembly we presented the Values Awards to our students and kick-started the Core Leadership applications for 2019. Congratulations to all the applicants and the Core-Leadership team will be announced at the next Middle School assembly.

As part of Mt Hira College F-12 Sports program, students from 6-12, Middle and Senior School will participate in the Athletics at Ross Reserve on the 20/3/19. Students will be representing their House team with a variety of events and the day is an important part in the development of the culture here at Mt Hira College. It will enable students and teachers to collaborate, have fun together, and further develop positive relationships.

Year 7 students will be receiving their immunisation HPV Doses. Thank you to all the parents who have returned their forms.

VISIT 1 – YEAR 7 – HPV DOSE 1 & BOOSTRIX	VISIT 2 – YEAR 7 – HPV DOSE 2
3 APRIL, 2019	14 October, 2019

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## YEAR 7 CAMP

On the 5th of February, Tuesday, All Gr7 students woke up bright and early excited for the day ahead of them. After everyone arrived at school, at 9.15am we all boarded on the bus and off we were for our amazing adventure! As soon as we arrived at Ace-Hi Ranch we had a small tour and then we had two hours of free time. At around 1.30-1.40 we all gathered in the recreation hall for prayers, then we had lunch. After lunch we discussed what activities we were going to do, then we split into two groups. Group one was going to do Camp Scrabble, in Camp Scrabble we had a series of questions and in order to find out the answers we had to walk around Ace-Hi. Group two had a small lesson on horse-riding then the next day we would go on the horse trail. We had afternoon tea then we swapped over with the activities. After the activities we had some free time. After, we had dinner and prayers. Then we got ready for the night hike. On the night hike we walked over the hills and around the Ranch, it took at least an hour and it was windy! After the night hike we all got ready for bed and lights were out at about 10.30pm.

The next day we woke up at 6.15 for Fajr prayers in the recreation hall. Then we went back to sleep. At about 8.00 we all woke up and got ready for breakfast. We were all really excited for the activities that were planned for the day. After breakfast we assembled in the recreation hall and then split off into our groups for the activities. The activities were, the Flying Fox (which was super fun!), the horse trail ride, which went for an hour and it was really relaxing. Lastly it was the Leap of Faith, we had to climb up a high pole when you reached the top there was a small platform that you had to jump off and it was scary. After the activities we had some free time then we had some delicious dinner. After that we all gathered in the recreation hall for Trivia Night which was a bit challenging but lots of fun! We had a little bit of free time after that and then it was lights out at 10.30pm.

The activities for day three were, the Giant Swing which was the best thing ever! You were harnessed up then you were tied to some ropes that were connected to the two poles. Then the ropes were pulled by your teammates and you were pulled up really high and then there was there little ball you pulled then dropped. Overall it was an amazing experience and we can't wait till Gr9 camp!

By Amna Hassan (7H)

## SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

Assalamu alaykum

The beginning of the academic year is always an exciting time and we have had a very positive start to the year. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to students, parents and staff in Senior School. I would also like to thank our newly enrolled students and their families for choosing Mt Hira College. I wish you all the best in your first year in our community.

It is great to see all Year Ten to Twelve classes settled in the state-of-the-art facilities in our new Senior School building. Students and staff are honoured and privileged to have these amazing teaching and learning spaces including a lounge, lecture theatre, Science laboratories, staff offices and spacious general-purpose classrooms.

To enrich the learning of our students, Mt Hira has introduced some amazing initiatives across our Senior School including study skills workshops, a VCE camp (Year Eleven), an interfaith program (Year Ten), lunchtime support classes and after-school extension classes. If you would like to receive more information about these initiatives, please see your child's Form Teacher.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Year Twelve Class of 2018 who successfully completed their Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). Adyva Hadian (pictured) achieved the highest Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) based on her outstanding VCE results. The Mt. Hira College community is proud of her achievement! She will be recognised as the College Dux for 2018 in the Whole College Assembly at the end of this term.

I wish everyone well in his or her journey of learning this year and look forward to collaborating with all of you.

Ms. Nazreen Amirudin  
Head of Senior School



## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Welcome all returning and new families to the 2019 school year. It has been an extremely positive start to Term One, with both staff and students settling in well to the new year. Our dedicated staff have come back to the College with a range of ideas to enhance the student's access to extra-curricular activities. Within the first few weeks a range of clubs, activities and opportunities have been arranged for students to participate in during lunchtime, before and after school. During selected lunchtimes some of the programs running include: homework clubs for Mathematics and English, Art club, training sessions for our interschool sports teams, coding club, robotics club and our Core Leaders program for students elected as representatives for their cohort. Further to this we have before and before and after school programs running in the Arts, Mathematics and RE domains. Please see the timetable below of programs that are currently running.

	Before School	Lunch time	After School
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invitation Mathematics Classes Year Six</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tennis Training Years Seven to Ten</li> <li>• Table Tennis Training</li> <li>• Coding Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathematics Support Classes</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invitation Mathematics Classes Year Seven</li> <li>• Qur'an Lessons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art Club</li> <li>• Mathematics Homework Club</li> <li>• Cricket Training Years Four to Six</li> <li>• Futsal Training Years Nine to Twelve</li> <li>• Softball Training Years</li> <li>• Core Leaders Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathematics Support Classes</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invitation Mathematics Classes Year Eight</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Middle School English Club</li> <li>• Cricket Training Year Seven</li> <li>• Table Tennis Training</li> <li>• Softball Training Years Five and Six</li> <li>• VCE Religion and Society Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art Club</li> <li>• Mathematics Support Classes</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invitation Mathematics Classes Year Nine</li> <li>• Qur'an Lessons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VCE English Club</li> <li>• Volleyball Training Years Seven to Ten</li> <li>• Soccer Training Years Nine to Twelve</li> <li>• Table Tennis Training</li> <li>• Debating Training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathematics Support Classes</li> <li>• VCE Psychology Club (fortnightly)</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invitation Mathematics Classes Year Ten</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volleyball Training Years Seven to Ten</li> <li>• Baseball Training Years Seven to Ten</li> <li>• Coding Club</li> <li>• House Captain Meeting (every fortnight)</li> </ul>	

## OUR FAITH

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuhu,

'The mosque is not only a place to offer your daily prayers, it's a place to socialize, communicate and comprehend the bounties and blessings given to human beings'. Mount Hira College is dedicated to host mosque tours to ensure the wider community has a better understand of Islamic tradition and culture. Year Three and Four students from King-wood College visited Keysborough Turkish Islamic and Cultural Centre on the 22nd of February, 2019 to gain an understanding and appreciation of a place of worship. Our core leaders Taha Daknach, Dilara Aydin, Elham Ayache and Kaysan Abedini had the opportunity to present important information about Islam. This presentation enabled our students to speak about their faith. At the end of the tour, students enjoyed Turkish tea and Turkish delight.

Mr. Muhammed Sezgin  
Head of Religious Affairs/RE Domain Leader



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DOMAIN

Assalamu Alaikum Parents and Guardians,

Our students will once again have the opportunity to learn Islamic knowledge and the Holy Qur'an in 2019. For your child to have a better and depth understanding of Islam, our dedicated Religious Education teachers have prepared engaging topics focusing on Excellence, Responsibility, Honesty, Fairness and Respect.

Our aim is to strive towards being the best Muslims as our Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) has said "the best amongst you is the one who learns the Qur'an and teaches it."

Allah the Exalted revealed the Qur'an as a reference book and guide for His servants to enter into Paradise. In order for us to understand it, take lessons from it, and put it into practice, He made the Qur'an easy to read and understand. Iqra (Elif Cuz) morning classes are on every Tuesday and Thursday morning between 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. in the Junior School ICT room. The purpose of these classes is to assist students to recite the Holy Qur'an with Tajweed.

Throughout 2019, students would have an opportunity to host mosque tours, speak in seminars, attend the Hajj Simulation and participate in Building Bridges.

If you have any queries or concerns throughout the year, please feel free to contact the College Office on (03) 9709 0100 to make an appointment.

Jazakumullahu Khayran,  
Mr. Muhammed Sezgin  
Head of Religious Affairs/RE Domain Leader