

13 March 2023

2023 Harmony Day

As-Salaamu Alaykum Dear Parents and Carers,

The purpose of this letter is to provide information about an important upcoming whole College event. Our **Harmony Day** program is on **Tuesday 21 March 2023**. During this day, all students will have the opportunity to get involved in activities that increase awareness of and celebrate Australia's cultural diversity. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and developing a sense of belonging for everyone.

Having respect and appreciation for the diverse cultures of the world is an explicit part of our faith:

O humanity! Indeed, We created you from a male and a female, and made you into peoples and tribes so that you may get to know one another. [Qur'an 49:13]

The whole school Harmony Day Program will commence after recess and will run during **Periods 3-6. Parents and carers are welcome to attend this event, as per the schedule on page 2 below.**

During **Periods 3 & 4** (10:50 am-12:30 pm) there will be a **Harmony Day Bazar** on the **Synthetic Courts** which will showcase stalls representing various cultures, as well as stalls run by our **Languages (LOTE) and Religious Education Domains**.

During **Periods 5 & 6** (1:50 pm-3:30 pm: Years F-12), we will be having a **Turkish, Albanian & Afghan dances**, a **Nasheed performance**, and **Indigenous and West African performances** in our **Gymnasium**.

All students (Years F-12) are encouraged to get involved in Harmony Day by wearing their **traditional cultural clothing** OR an **orange top** AND/OR one or more **orange accessories** to school on **Tuesday, 21 March 2023**. Orange accessories students can wear are:

- Tie
- Bowtie
- Shoelaces
- Hijab
- Wristband
- Belt
- Headband
- Scarf
- Hair clips
- Hair ties
- Hair ribbons
- Badges

Harmony Day is **not a uniform free day** and students are not permitted to wear other forms of dress. ***If students are not wearing cultural dress or orange, they must wear full school uniform.**

Harmony Day is one of the highlights on our College Calendar and a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn that everybody belongs.

Please see event schedule below for full details.

Kind regards,



Dr. Toni Pikos-Sallie
College Principal



Harmony Day Program

Tuesday, 21st March 2023

Harmony Day Bazar:

The **Harmony Day Bazar** on the **Synthetic Courts** will showcase stalls representing various cultures, as well as stalls run by our **Languages (LOTE)** and **Religious Education Domains**.

Harmony Day Bazar – Synthetic Courts – Periods 3 & 4		
Period 3: 10:50 am-11:10 am (20 min)	<u>Years F-2</u>	Classes are to tour the stalls under the supervision of their teacher and return to class at 11:10 am
Period 3: 11:10 am-11:40 am (30 min)	<u>Years 3-6</u>	Classes are to tour the stalls under the supervision of their teacher and return to class for the start of Period 4.
Period 4: 11:50 am-12:30 pm (40 min)	<u>Years 7-12</u>	Period 4 teachers will escort Years 7-12 students to the Synthetic Courts for Period 4 (after marking the roll). *VCE students may or may not be able to participate in this session, depending on their teacher's discretion / pre-planned learning activity or assessments.

Harmony Day Program – Gym – Periods 5 & 6

1:55 pm	Dr. Toni Pikos-Sallie	College Principal's Address – Opening the Harmony Day Event
1:59 pm	Br. Muhammed Sezgin	Qur'an Recitation

2:02 pm	Mr. Cihan Karahan	National Anthems - Australian and Turkish
2:06 pm	Muazzam Abbas Fatima Albir	College Captains Address - Speech about the relevance of Harmony Day
2:10 pm	Mr. Eroglu and Students	Performance - Turkish & Albanian Dance
2:15 pm	Muazzam Abbas + performers	Performance - Nasheed Group
2:25 pm	Ms. Natasha Padayache	Dismissal of Years F-3
2:30 pm	Melbourne Djembe	Performance - African Drums and Dancing
3:00 pm	Fatima Albir + performers	Performance - Traditional Afghan Dance
3:10 pm	Indigenous Performer	Performance - Indigenous Performance
3:30 pm	Mr. Cihan Karahan	Dismissal of Years 4-12