

1 December 2023

## College Principal's Message

As-Salaamu Alaykum & Greetings

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits.

I know we are all amazed at how fast the 2023 academic year came and went!

It's been an honour and a pleasure to work alongside your precious children once again this year alhamdulillah.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of some important upcoming key dates and information for the start of next year.

### Important Upcoming Dates:

Date	Activity	Details
<i>Week 10 - Monday, 4 December 2023</i>	<i>Year 6 Last Day (Full school uniform) Year 6 Graduation &amp; Awards Ceremony (Formal attire)</i>	<i>Finishing Time (Year 6 only) - 12:30 pm Time - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Venue - Gym</i>
<i>Week 10 - Tuesday, 5 December 2023</i>	<i>Awards Ceremony</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Years F-5</li> <li>• Years 7-11</li> </ul> <i>(Full school uniform)</i>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Period 1</i> - Years F-5</li> <li>• <i>Period 2</i> - Years 7-11</li> </ul> <i>Venue - Synthetic Courts</i> Parents Welcomed
<i>Week 10 - Tuesday, 5 December 2023</i>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Activity Day (Years F-11)</i></li> <li>• <i>Final day for all students</i></li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Periods 3 &amp; 4</i></li> </ul> <i>Finishing Time (all students) - 12:30 pm</i>
<i>Week 10 - Tuesday, 5 December 2023</i>	<i>New Students' (2024) Orientation Session (Years 7-12 new students in 2024 only)*</i>	<i>Time - 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Venue - Lecture Theatre, C- Block (Senior School Building)</i>
<i>Week 10 - Wednesday - Friday 6-8 December 2023</i>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Curriculum Days (staff only)</i></li> </ul>	
<i>Friday, 8 December 2023</i>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>ELC Kinder 4 Graduation Ceremony</i></li> </ul>	<i>Time - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Venue - Gym, B-Block</i>

\***New Students' (2023) Orientation Sessions (Years 7-12)** - An information letter (including program schedule) has been sent to the families of all new students.

### **Other Important Reminders:**

**School Uniform Shop Opening Hours** – the last day our onsite Uniform Shop will be open this year is Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023. The Uniform Shop will be open during the summer break **Mon-Fri 9:00 am – 4:30 pm**, from **Monday 15 January – Friday 9 February 2024** and will recommence its normal opening hours on Fridays after Jumu'ah Prayer until 4:30 pm from 16 February 2024.

**School Uniform Policy** – please ensure your child/ren is/are in full school uniform from the first day of Term 1, 2024. \*Please pay careful attention to the 'General Appearance' section of the policy (pages 2-3), as this will be strictly enforced.

**School Uniform Policy here** - [Mt-Hira-College\\_Uniform-Policy\\_2022.pdf \(mthira.vic.edu.au\)](#)

**Student Use of Mobile Phone Policy** – please familiarize yourself with our mobile phone policy. Mobile phones that are seen by staff during school hours will be confiscated. If students need to contact their parents, they should make the call from the Front Office phone.

**Mobile Phone Policy here** - [Mobile-Phone-Policy-2021-parent-copy-1.pdf \(mthira.vic.edu.au\)](#)

**2024 Booklists (Years F-12)** - parents/carers of students in **all year levels** are responsible to go online and order their child's books and stationery for 2024 through the Campion website. The College no longer sells book packs for Junior School students through the Front Office. Years F-6 parents/carers need to label all their child's books and belongings and bring them to the classroom on the first day of school to be stored for use throughout the year.

**2024 Booklists here** - [Mt Hira College Book List | Download the required booklist for your year](#)

**Arabic & Turkish LOTE Books** – these can be purchased from the **Front Office** from Week 1 of 2024.

**Semester 2, 2023 Academic Reports** – parents/carers will be notified at the end of term via SMS when these are available from the Compass App.

**Term 4, 2023 Newsletter** – will be distributed by SMS at the end of term.

**First Day for Students in 2024** – the first day for students will be **Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

Please do not hesitate to contact the College on 9709 0100, if you have any inquiries related to the above.

I pray everyone has a safe, restful and blessed break and I look forward to seeing everyone at the start of the 2024 academic year insha Allah.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,



Dr Toni Pikos-Sallie  
**College Principal**