

2 February 2021

Our Beloved Student – Tareek Quinn

Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'oon
Verily, from Allah we came and to Him we shall return.

As-Salaamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatuhu

Dear College Community,

It is with a very heavy heart that I deliver the sad news that our beloved student Tareek Quinn has passed away.

Tareek was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed. At the young age of 15 and just about to commence Year 10 at Mt Hira College, Tareek's life and death have made us pause and deeply reflect on what matters most in life.

We salute Tareek's parents and siblings for enduring this incredible loss and pain with admirable patience and gratitude. We pray for their continued strength, tranquillity and patience in the long days that are ahead, ameen.

Borrowing from the words of our beloved Prophet (peace be upon him):

'Verily, the eyes shed tears and the heart is grieved, but we will not say anything except what is pleasing to our Lord. We are saddened by your departure, O Tareek.'

We assure Tareek's family, classmates, teachers and close friends of our utmost support for them at this time and throughout the grieving process. People manage grief and loss in different ways and that is perfectly okay. It is understandable, especially for young people, to feel anxious, extremely sad, confused and the like, when tragedy happens. I encourage anyone who needs support or who is having difficulty processing what has happened, to reach out to someone they trust and talk about their feelings. My door is most certainly always open for anyone who needs support. We also have our on-site counselling team and very supportive and caring staff who are always willing to help.

If any parent/carer, sibling, student or community member is concerned that any student is struggling to cope with this news, please reach out and let us know as soon as possible. My email address is: Toni.Pikos-Sallie@mthira.vic.edu.au

Please remember Tareek and the Quinn family in your prayers.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,



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