

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Assalamu Alaikum,*

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of Mt Hira College, We are currently in Week 4 of Term Four. I wish to report the following events at Mt Hira College:

Our 36 Year Twelve students have completed their classes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. They had their Farewell Ceremony/Celebration on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 and have now commenced their examinations. Students have already completed the Turkish examination (23/10), English examination (30/10) and Psychology examination (31/10). The final examination will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Results will be out at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. It was a pleasure to individually sit down with each one of our 36 VCE students and converse for 20 minutes or so in my office. This way we were able to discuss motivating factors as they head into their examinations.

The Year Twelve Graduation will be held on a Friday night, at 6:00 p.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December, 2019, at The Grand Reception - 2251 Princes Hwy., Mulgrave. More information about the Year Twelve Graduation will be distributed shortly. I encourage all Year Twelve families to attend to celebrate this momentous occasion their child's life.

Our Year Three students and Year Nine students have now both completed their annual camp programs. I'm pleased that all students returned safely, full of fun memories.

Thirty-two students from Year One to Year Six (LOTE Turkish students) and five staff members attended a 'Bayrak Toren'i' (The Raising of the Flag Ceremony) at Federation Square on the occasion of 29 Ekim Cumhuriyet Bayrami (29 October Republic Day Festival). Every student had both the Turkish and Australian flags in their hands during "The Raising of the Turkish Flag". They truly added colour and vivacity to the ceremony – putting smiles on every face! We have received many commendations from prominent Turkish members of the community including the Melbourne Consul-General, Mr. Arif Eser Torun. As Mt Hira College, we are proud to support our National Days of Celebrations (Milli Bayramlarimiz). We are intending on making this an Annual Event at Mt Hira College.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### NOVEMBER

**Monday 4th:**

No School - Student Free Day

**Tuesday 5th:**

Melbourne Cup Day - College Closed

**Friday 8th:**

MS Assembly  
JS Assembly

**Monday 11th:**

Remembrance Day

**Wednesday 13th:**

2020 Year Six Information Evening

**Friday 15th - Friday 22nd:**

Examinations (6-11)

**Friday 22nd:**

MS Assembly  
JS Assembly

**Monday 25th:**

Correction Day - Student Free Day

**Tuesday 26th:**

Report Writing Day - Student Free Day

**Friday 29th:**

Year Five Celebration

Mt Hira College was also proud to sponsor a young talent from Turkey – Mert Hakan Seker, a 13 year old pianist who performed his first solo performance at the Melbourne Recital Centre on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. It was truly a spectacular performance! Thank you to all Mt Hira College community members and staff who came to support the wonderful performer.

Mt Hira College also celebrated 29 Ekim Cumhuriyet Bayrami (Turkish republic Day) on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019, with a special assembly in the Gym. Our overseas guest pianist, Mert Hakan Seker, also performed in this program. Our students sang songs, danced, role played, played the piano, recited poems and participated in many other activities. It was truly a memorable and happy whole College event.

Please note the following important announcements:

- There will be no school for students (except VCE students sitting exams) on Monday and Tuesday (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November) due to The Melbourne Cup Public Holiday on Tuesday
- End of Year Exams for Year Six to Year Eleven will begin in Week 7 of this term (18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> November).
- Headstart for Foundation to Year 12 will commence in Week 9 (2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> December)
- Our last day for our students will be Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December and our last day for our staff will be Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

I wish you all a safe restful long weekend. I am looking forward to seeing you all back on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

May Allah protect our school and guide us all in His Straight Path – Amin.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Kadir Emniyet

Principal

## VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Students,

We now have come to the final term of the year. Although this term is ten weeks, examinations are in week seven. The term will end with the Headstart program as well as an activity day and celebrations. During the Headstart week, you will meet your peers that will be in your class in 2020 and learn concepts that will be covered next year.

This year we are pleased to receive seventy applicants for the 2020 scholarship program. Applicants have submitted impressive portfolios and participated in the scholarship exam. The next steps will be to check the behaviour record and academic records of applicants, followed by an interview process. These will take several weeks with successful applicants being notified soon after.

Students who receive scholarships are expected to maintain a high level of academic and behaviour expectations through-out the 2020 year. We are fortunate to have so many outstanding students that do more than they are asked to and show levels of respect and responsibility that are admired by all staff at Mt. Hira College. Their parents should be proud of them. This year our scholarship program process will emphasise the character aspect equally to students' academic achievement.

To reiterate, this is the final term and the Middle and Senior School Semester Two examinations are weighted highly in their overall report grade. For this reason, students need to work harder than ever to revise and prepare for the examinations. It is not over until the final examination is complete. Revise, practice, ask for help and revise again. This is key to a successful end to the term.

Take care,

Mr. Shefik Sahingoz  
Vice-Principal

# JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Junior School,

We have started Term Four with some exciting activities which enhance student engagement and learning. Our students have had and will continue to have, amazing learning opportunities throughout this term. It is so important for our families to support our staff and students with the programs offered as they are vital in broadening our children's experiences.

Our Junior School Concert was a huge success, with our cast and classes displaying their performances to friends and families of Mt. Hira College. Such a great experience that improves collaborative working skills, builds resilience and definitely helps with confidence. Our cast was amazing at working, rehearsing and recording with Mr. Ozan Toprak. Using the green screen to produce something different was a first for our school and a great learning experience for all of us. It definitely added to the quality of our production. A special thank you to Mr. Ozan and Ms. Ulku for supporting us and spending personal time to assist with the preparation. We have already started to plan for 2020. Hopefully we can display something even better. The Year Four students are already excited about being involved in the whole concert.

The Year Three students have been on camp at camp Marysville, enjoying the team building exercises and pushing themselves to do things they have never experienced before. Students have had to work through some anxiety, clean up after themselves and be physically active while enjoying and learning from the programs developed at the campsite. We have gotten to know the students at a different level and they us, which has definitely been a relationship builder between staff and students. It has been a great experience to get to know students on a personal level, their quiriness and their sarcastic nature. We have some stand out students who have been there for their friends who have found it a little difficult to be away from home and that is what camp is all about!

The Year Five Celebration preparations have commenced. Teachers are getting organised and informing teachers and families of the plans for the event and are having students practise their items. An exciting time for the students, but a sad time for us as we farewell our Year Five students to Middle School. These students are quite special to me, they were the last foundation students I taught, but also the last class remaining in Junior School that I have taught as a classroom teacher!

The Foundation and Year One swimming is starting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November, 2019. Swimming is an important and valuable experience for our students especially as summer approaches. I strongly encourage all students to take part in this program. We have to ensure that our children are strong swimmers; it is an essential life skill.

Ms. Hulya Ucler  
Head of Junior School



# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to all students in Middle School as it has been a great start to Term Four. We would like to welcome Meryem Altinsoy to the Year Seven cohort and congratulate all the students who received excellent interim reports and positive feedback from their teachers last term.

We continue to encourage the children to be self-motivated, organised and responsible with their time management at school and at home. The school diary is the key to your child's organisation. This is where all homework, due dates and important reminders and events are to be recorded. With 2020 fast approaching, these are great skills to refine this year.

Please continue to check SEQTA, to ensure you are up to date and fully informed of what is happening in your child's school life. There are many activities, incursions and sporting events as well as the Year Nine camp and excursions planned for the Middle School students in Term Four. I'm always pleased to hear from you so please do keep in touch.

## Uniform

Most students have become more familiar with wearing the correct uniform on a daily basis including wearing their blazers to and from school. Keep up the great work. You look amazing!

## Incursion

Sticks and Stones by Brainstorm Productions where the students from Year Eight and Year Nine learnt different strategies and how to deal with anger and to build positive relationships.

Ms. Ayse Erenli  
Head of Middle School



# SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Assalamu Alaykum.

We have just commenced the last term of the 2019 academic year and it has been a busy couple of weeks.

Semester Two examinations for Middle School and Senior School will commence on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November and conclude on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. Timetables will be distributed to students this week and students should be preparing for their examinations with the guidance of their teachers. Year Eleven students are advised to commence their revision without delay as the VCE examinations will examine key knowledge and skills from both Unit 1 and Unit 2. Students are encouraged to use Edrolo, their online study resource to prepare for their examinations. Edrolo is designed to provide students with engaging, informative and comprehensive presentations to help them understand and learn more effectively. The Edrolo learning platform includes examination-style questions that students can complete to test their understanding.

Our Year Ten students successfully completed their week-long work experience placements at the end of Term Three and are now preparing to complete their final Year Ten assessment tasks to achieve the necessary grades to enrol into their preferred VCE subjects in 2020. Students will be sent additional information shortly that will outline the process for the second round of subject selection, based on the draft 2020 VCE timetable.

Amidst all the classwork and assessment, the Year Ten classes have had the opportunity to participate in a number of incursions and excursions including *Road Smart*, a free education program that helps prepare beginner drivers for a lifetime of safe driving. They also attended a study skills workshop run by Elevate Education which focussed on developing time management skills. All students enjoyed the *Sticks and Stones* play which was organised by the Wellbeing Team as part of the College's anti-bullying initiatives.

It has been an exciting time for the Year Eleven students as they prepare to enter Year Twelve. Four short-listed students campaigned strongly to take on the role of College Captain in 2020. I would like to congratulate Amena Ghazi, Melike Kuyt, Noorhan Ashkar and Tahaulah Ibrahim for their dedicated efforts to win the votes of the Mt. Hira College community. The final outcome will be announced to the College in the coming weeks. As part of developing leadership and being role models, our Year Eleven students take on a mentoring role with Year Five students to support their transition to praying *Zuhr* at the KTICC mosque. This initiative will continue throughout the remainder of the term.

The first three weeks of this term have certainly been very exciting and challenging for the Year Twelve students. The VCE Studio Arts Exhibition was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October and it was a wonderful display of the creative efforts of the VCE Studio Arts students. Our VCE teachers facilitated a busy revision program to prepare students for their upcoming VCE written examinations. The intense period of revision culminated in a special day to celebrate the conclusion of Year Twelve classes. The Class of 2019 was given an official farewell at a special College assembly held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October, with the Foundation students wishing them well for the future. The celebrations continued with a special lunch, followed by a fun-filled afternoon playing bubble soccer and archery tag on the oval. Our Year Twelve students have settled into their final revision period and we wish them all the best in their examinations. May Allah grant them confidence to successfully complete their final VCE assessment tasks.

Ms. Nazreen Amirudin  
Head of Senior School





# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

## Student Engagement Update

The process to select the College Captains for 2020 has just concluded with the College Election held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October, 2019. In a closely contested race, four strong candidates stood in the election for the College Captaincy. Each of these candidates campaigned valiantly by writing applications letters, attending interviews, addressing students at assemblies, creating elections posters asking for votes and interacting with students on an individual level.

This year the College moved to electronic voting for Years Three to Twelve, with Foundation, Year One and Two continuing to use paper ballots. There was a general excitement on Election Day and the student enjoyed practicing their democratic rights in voting for the 2020 College Captains. **I would like to congratulate Amena Ghazi and Tahullah Ibrahim on being elected as the 2019 College Co-Captains.** They are extremely deserving candidates and I look forward to working with them next year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Samir Daknach and Sufeeyatuz Jali, our 2019 College Captains, for everything they have done for the College this year. They have performed admirably as captains and should be extremely proud of their efforts.

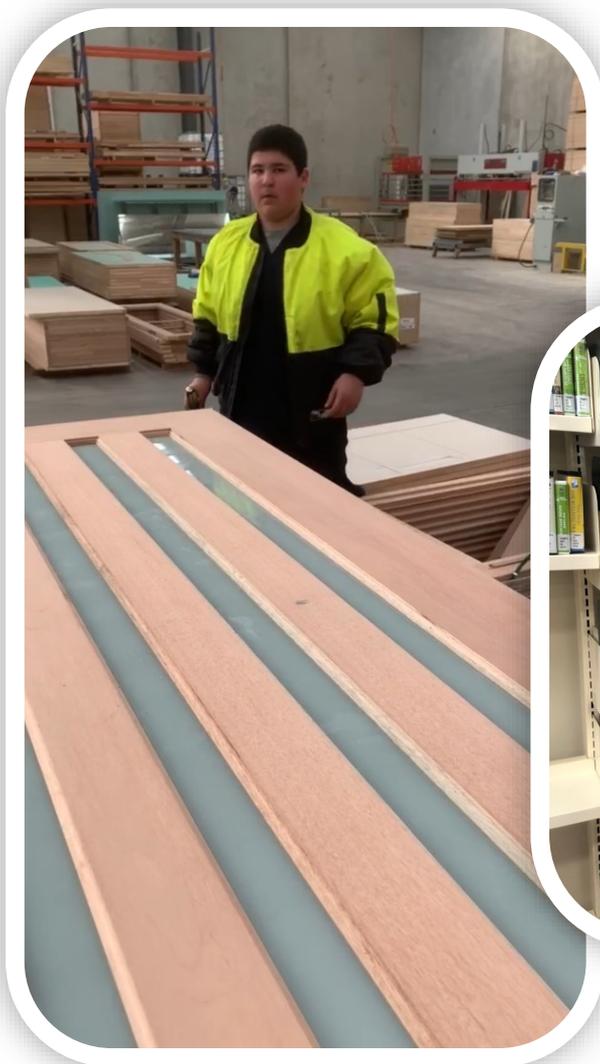
Mr. Jack Franklin  
Head of Student Engagement and Administration



## CAREERS NEWS

### 2019 WORK EXPERIENCE REFLECTION

All Year Ten students participated in Work Experience from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 (last week of Term Three, 2019). For some of them, their Work Experience placement confirmed their desired career choice. For others, it caused them to think twice about their preferred career. Either way, this placement developed the time management, communication and problem-solving skills of all students. Here are some photos of our students on their Work Experience placement.



*Barbaros's work experience at Unique Doors and Timber*



*Seri's work experience at Springvale Library*

### BRICKLAYING CAREER PATHS WEB LINK

If you are considering a career as a Bricklayer, this website is worth checking out:

<https://careerpath.becomeabricklayer.com.au/>

# MATHEMATICS DOMAIN NEWS

Dear Parents/guardians,

Welcome back to Term Four! Looking ahead, it is going to be another busy term of learning. Examinations will be held in week 7 for all students in Year Six to Year Eleven. Our Year Twelve students will be sitting the VCAA Exams in the next few weeks. In preparation, students will be completing various revision activities in class. Further to this, we are offering numerous math support sessions outside of class time. Mr. Fan Wang is running VCE Support Sessions at lunch times on Mondays and Wednesdays and after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Middle School Math club is run by myself and Ms. Rim Chatila on Tuesdays at lunchtime. Please encourage your child to attend these sessions so that they are fully prepared for the upcoming examinations.

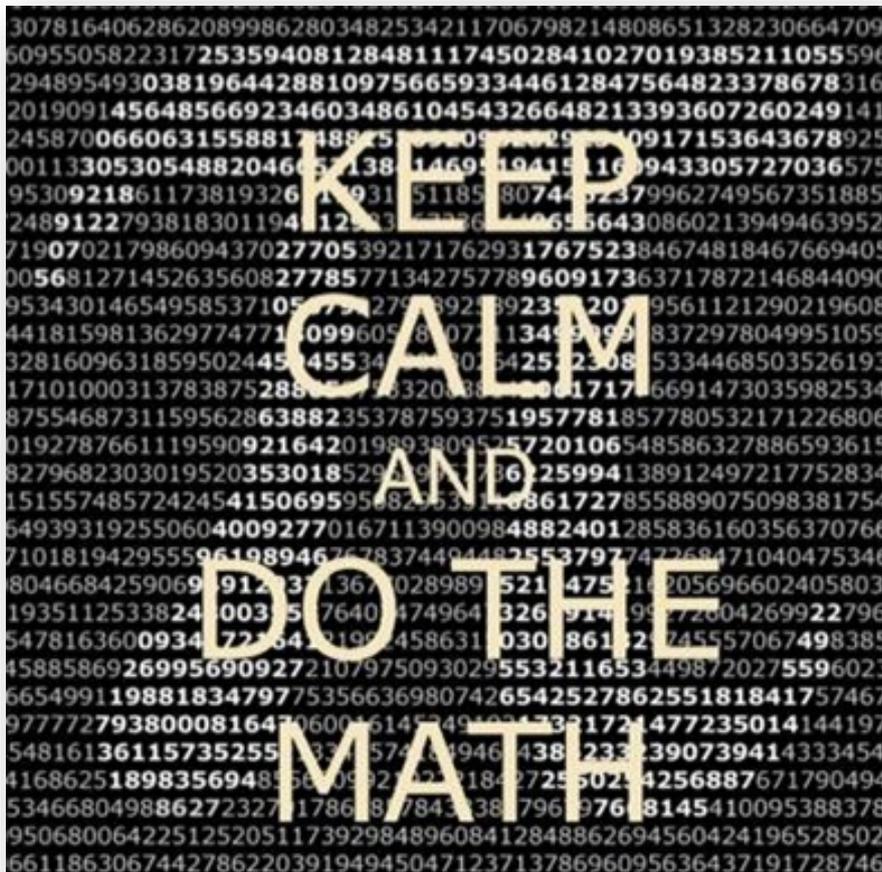
Our morning math sessions are still running this term for selected students. Regular attendance is vital for both progress in the subject and to be in the best position to achieve their potential in the Semester Two Examinations.

The Math Domain wishes a successful term to all students!

Kind regards,

Ms. Fulya Evcimen

Mathematics Domain Leader



# ENGLISH DOMAIN NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

During Term Three, the English Domain was proud to celebrate National Book Week. There were many exciting events and we were pleased to see many students keen to participate.

The Year Eight cohort was fortunate enough to experience a visit from an Australian author, Tristan Bancks, the writer of *Two Wolves*, which is on our Year Eight English text list. Tristan provided the students with an interactive talk and students had the opportunity to get their books signed.



During Book Week, we also held several competitions and received many amazing entries. The Short Story competition was won by Sufeeyatuz Jali, while 10M and 10T took out the Form Class Trivia. The most exciting part of book week, for both staff and students, students were invited to dress up as a book characters of their choice, with prizes on offer for the best dressed. Many of the students put in a lot of effort and there were many amazing outfits. The winner of the Book Week Best Dressed was Valbona Bajrami, who dressed up as the Mad Hatter from *Alice in Wonderland*.



With the VCAA English Examination on the horizon, we will all of our Year Twelve English students the best of luck in completing this huge examination.

Ms. Megan Barling  
English Domain Leader

# LOTE DOMAIN NEWS

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Congratulations to all of our Turkish and Arabic students from foundation to year Twelve on another successful year. Our goal in 2019 was on motivating and supporting students to learn a second language by highlighting its benefits, both short and long term.

The introduction of multiple electronic language sites and portals helped students use technology effectively in their learning and in general. It has provided them with hands-on activities in reading, listening, writing and speaking. It has also enhanced their vocabulary use in different contexts. The LOTE department has contributed positively and successfully to school presentations and activities, which showed the students firsthand the benefits of learning Turkish and Arabic. These activities helped students build the self-confidence to speak and participate in class freely, where mistakes are an integral part of the learning process.

The highlights of the year were the 23 Nisan International Children's Festival, Junior School Concert and Turkish Republic Day.

As far as our VCE students are concerned, the focus all year was on helping them improve their knowledge and skills in both Turkish and Arabic. Students taking Turkish Unit 3 and 4 were very satisfied with their performance in the oral and written exams. They worked very hard to reach their best potential. The school and their teacher, Ms. Sebnem provided a supportive, comfortable and caring learning environment where they were consistently encouraged to do better. The students learnt about the Turkish culture, customs and values as well as how to write, comprehend and talk in Turkish language during VCE Turkish classes. They prepared for the exam very well through class work and one on one sessions with their teacher.

The LOTE department teachers would like to encourage parents to support their children in learning either Turkish or Arabic. This can be accomplished by engaging with your children at home through the language portals available and taking interest even if they just speak the language at a beginning level or not speak it at all. In many cases, the best teachers are our children, not only in technology but in other subjects as well.

While we are saying goodbye to 2019, the preparations and planning for 2020 has already started to ensure that we are ready and better equipped to support our students and build on the momentum we created in the previous years.

Kind Regards,

Dr. Samir Dorhmi

LOTE Domain Leader

# LOTE DOMAIN NEWS

Dear All,

It is very exciting that we are approaching end of another year. Teaching at Mt Hira College is always a great pleasure. I am pleased to see the improvement of all my students who are unique and are showing success. We had a great time in Turkish class learning Turkish as well as practising for 23 Nisan International Children's Festival and the Junior School Concert. We have also extended our knowledge about our culture and traditions like Ramadan, Eid, mothers and fathers days, birthdays etc. As the Junior School LOTE- Turkish teacher, I would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer holiday from now.

Ms. Fatma Kullu  
Junior School LOTE-Turkish Teacher



# ART DOMAIN NEWS

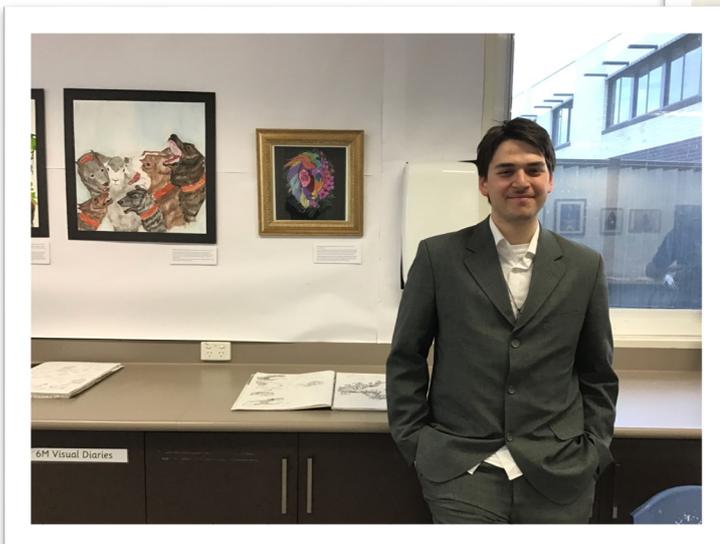
Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of October, the Art Domain was proud to celebrate our VCE art students with the 2019 Annual VCE Art Exhibition. The event featured a performance from our resident musician, Mr. Ozan Toprak. It also featured the portfolios of all our VCE students, many of whom have worked incredibly hard this year.

The event was a fantastic success. We would like to thank all members of the school community who came and supported this event and all the staff, students and volunteers involved who contributed their time.

We have been collecting entries for the Mt Hira College Community Art Competition and we already have a large number of entries from students and staff. Competition closes Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. We look forward to exhibiting all entries at our Republic Day Celebration on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, 2019.

Mr. Michael Hawkins  
Art Domain Leader



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