Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu,

Dear Parents/Guardians and students,

A warm welcome to term 2. I hope that the term break was an opportunity for you to have a break before an exciting term begins with new challenges and opportunities. Elhamdullilah we finished term 1 with many good programs and successes to share. It almost seemed as if the term was not enough to run all the activities we wanted to run, but we managed well and I hope that it was a pleasant and productive term for all.

The iEntertainment afterschool program was a great initiative last term. With a great team of teachers, students enjoyed taking part in cake decorating, interfaith, debating, chess matches and maths support classes. They also enjoyed the lunch time activities; book club and craft sessions. The students were also excited to take part in the interschool debating program and have performed successfully in their teams. Active students enjoyed taking part in the interschool sports and have won many matches. The Student Representative Council (SRC) have organised a wonderful Harmony Day program and activities. Through the funds raised from the cake stall and out of white scarf contributions, they were able to raise $1670 which was donated to The Royal Children Hospital during the Good Friday Appeal. Thank you all for a wonderful team effort in contributing to the broader community.

I would like to thank all parents who attended the Meet and Greet sessions organised during the term and the parent-teacher interview day. I hope you had a chance to meet the teachers and discuss the progress and wellbeing of your child. We also appreciated you taking the time on parent-teacher interview day to complete the MindMatters parent survey to help us run better programs in the future. If you did not get a chance to do so, you can simply complete the survey from the following link [http://goo.gl/YVEbj7](http://goo.gl/YVEbj7). Finally, a special thanks to all parents who attended the parent breakfast organised by the iCommunity Parent Engagement committee. We look forward to seeing you at our events throughout the year inshaAllah.

I’d like to finish by thanking Allah SWT for giving us the opportunity to serve the young generation. And, of course, the secondary team for working hard and doing their best to benefit and educate the future generation. A special thanks to all parents for your continuous support in working together with us in trying to build a better future for your child.

Zeynep Sertel
Principal - Dallas Secondary Girls/Senior Campus
The Year 7 students were welcomed into secondary with many transition programs and activities. A sleepover was organised which created an opportunity for students to get to know each other and their teachers, build relationships and have fun. The Year 7 and Year 9 students also took part in the buddy transition program organised by the counselling department. The Year 7 and Year 9 students went ice skating together in order to further strengthen their relationships by participating in interesting and fun activities. Also, as Year 9 students are mentoring Year 7 students, it was a good opportunity for them to get to know each other better. The Year 7s also enjoyed the Quran excursion to Werribee Zoo and the Humanities excursion to CERES. They ended the term with an afterschool get-together organised by the Islamic Enrichment Committee, enjoying the Islamic lecture and the refreshments afterschool.

Year 8 Activities

The Year 8 students started the term with a presentation by Headspace. They were informed about general health, mental health and wellbeing, education and other support services where they can get help. The students also enjoyed the rock climbing excursion organised as part of the PSD subject where they learnt the benefits of friendship, mutual support, trust, care, and how to cooperate in a warm, welcoming environment. The sleepover was a fun and exciting part of the term as students took part in different competitions, enjoyed spending time with friends and making most of the night. Finally, the Year 8 students listened to a presentation by the Victoria Police on Cyber bullying to be more informed and aware of what they can do to help themselves and their friends.

Year 9 Activities

The Year 9 students settled in well and enjoyed being mentors for the Year 7 students. We would like to thank them for their continuous support and keeping an eye on the Year 7s and help them find their way in secondary. Each Year 9 student prepared a goody bag to be given to a Year 7 student to increase their interaction and bond which will help them get through Year 7. The excursion to IMAX as part of the Science subject was an exciting beginning for the Year 9s. They enjoyed the sleepover, just relaxing and having fun with friends and teachers.
Year 10 Activities

This term, the Year 10 students made a good start to the term feeling challenged with the opportunity given to them to do a VCE subject. This is going to prepare them better for VCE as they will have an understanding of what to expect at the VCE level and prepare themselves accordingly from this year. The careers counselors also held seminars on different careers paths and work experience options so that the Year 10s can start thinking about their career pathways early in the year to be able to make suitable selections for their VCE subjects for next year. This seminar also gave them the opportunity to start looking around to see where they could do their work experience in order to maximise their experience once completed.

Year 11 Activities

The Year 11 students enjoyed the subject specific excursions. Year 11 Legal Studies class got a behind the scenes understanding of the Parliament. The visit allowed for a hands-on, interactive look at the processes undertaken when introducing ‘Brodie’s Law’, making bullying a serious crime with serious consequences. The English classes enjoyed the Eagle Nest excursion. They also enjoyed the visit of Ridwaan Jadwat, a Senior Advisor to our Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull. Mr Jadwat shared his experience and provided advice on possible future career paths in the government and politics. He highlighted that faith was never a hindrance in his career and that the ultimate recipe to success was hard work. Another presentation came from Arabic welfare and Youth Law. They highlighted the importance of contract law which included topics such as renting, signing contracts, buying, guarantors and employment contracts. Finally, the careers counselling department have started having one-to-one sessions with students to help them make better choices in the final years of secondary schooling for their future.

Year 12 Activities

The Year 12 students are feeling the pressure of Year 12 however, are coping well and feeling supported with a great team of teachers. The sleepover for female students was great and an opportunity to de-stress. The students enjoyed their time with friends and teachers. The Studio Art Class enjoyed the excursion to the NGV, the Religion & Society class found their excursion to Islamic Museum of Victoria and Beth Israel Temple interesting and informative. The highlight of the term was the High Tea organised by the Careers Counselling Department. The night consisted of short speeches delivered by female, Muslim professionals in their respective careers. The students got a chance to get motivated, inspired and touched by the unique, yet familiar, pathways the professionals took to come to where they are now. All coming from similar religious and cultural backgrounds, our students really connected with their stories, and were extremely moved by the end of the night. The students had a chance to listen to an Optometrist, Pharmacist, Speech Pathologist, Nurse/Midwife, Journalist and a Hijab Stylist with a background in Psychology.

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"Interesting & Informative” - Excursion to Islamic Museum & Beth Israel Temple
A moment that will go down in history, Our intermediate softball team, after a long, hot and tiring day, SMASHED our rivals (Pascoe Vale Girls and AIA) by 8 points. This qualifies them to go through, representing Ilim at the regionals for the first time ever!

If you see any of the girls below please pass on a huge congratulations to them. They showed fantastic skills and team work, both Ms Mimi and myself are very proud of them.

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Physical Education Department