

AFIC Schools provide an environment in which education is a happy experience.

Our Schools aims to involve each pupil in a range of experiences which will enable him or her to participate effectively in society; to develop religious understanding and to provide an environment in which each pupil can make a commitment to Islamic values.

I firmly believe that it is our duty as leaders and parents who want a peaceful and harmonious future for our children and grandchildren to make every conceivable effort in providing educational institutions that will produce intelligent, productive, caring individuals who value each and every human being, irrespective of their colour, creed or credentials.

AFIC Schools are Australian Schools teaching Australian values in an Islamic setting, no different from Catholic, Jewish or any other private School.

Values taught in Australian Islamic Schools

Let me explain what values we teach at our School:

- Care and Compassion
- Care for self and others
- Doing Your Best
- Seek to accomplish something worthy and admirable, try hard, pursue excellence
- Fair Go for All
- Pursue and protect the common good where all people are treated fairly for a just society
- Freedom
- Enjoy all the rights and privileges of Australian citizenship free from unnecessary interference or control, and stand up for the rights of others
- Honesty and Trustworthiness
- Be honest, sincere and seek the truth
- Integrity
- Act in accordance with principles of moral and ethical conduct, ensure consistency between words and deeds
- Respect
- Treat others with consideration and regard, respect another person's point of view

- Be accountable for one's own actions, resolve differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways, contribute to society and to civic life, take care of the environment
- Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion
- Be aware of others and their cultures, accept diversity within a democratic society, being included and including others

We say, the children, are the future. The future lies in our hands, but only through knowledge because whoever neglects learning in youth, loses the past and is dead for the future.

When our son or daughter leaves the Islamic Schools of Greenacre, Brisbane, Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra or Perth, we want them to be confident, articulate, resourceful, tolerant individuals and be able to cope with the complexity and changes of modern life.

In the words of George Elliot: CHARACTER IS DESTINY

We acknowledge that not ALL students are academically inclined and for those who do not pursue further studies, we encourage students to pursue vocational education.

According to the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER), it is shown that the level of qualification has an effect on the speed of transition from school to work. 'Young people who do not go on to university have better employment prospects if they have undertaken a vocational Education training course' says Dr Tom Karmel, Managing Director, NCVER.

Not surprisingly, training programs linked to the workplace, such as apprenticeships and traineeships, provide the most rapid and successful transitions from school to work. School VET programs have a positive impact on young people's transition particularly for early school leavers.

Let us consider education in general terms, to effect change in behavior, the subject must be educated there is an almost epidemic proportion of health related ailments plaguing our society; such as diabetes and coronary heart disease which is largely attributed to poor diet, obesity and other life-style issues. To overcome this problem we are constantly reminded to re-educate ourselves on how and what we are to eat and how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. A similar scenario with drugs and alcohol, smoking, driving in ways to reduce the road toll, the effective and responsible use of the internet, you name a topic, we could be here all day...which reinforces the need to EDUCATE and BE educated in every aspect of one's life spiritual, academic and social.

I can confidently say, if our goal is to live in a harmonious, equitable, fair society it is imperative to educate and be educated.

Education will eradicate poverty
Education will redress extremism
Education will combat racism, fear and misconception
Education will overcome materialism and ostentation
Education will respond to the heart yearning equality, freedom, justice and humanity.

I conclude with these profound words:

Islam teaches:

SEEK KNOWLEDGE FROM THE CRADLE TO THE GRAVE.

Or as the motto of one of our schools says:

IN KNOWLEDGE LIES STRENGTH or IN SCIENTIA FORTITUDO

And balanced education will produce well balanced, valued, kind, compassionate moral individuals who will effect change for the better in our homes, environment, society and community. One can safely say that a human being has not matured until he or she is educated.

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