

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Australian Islamic Schooling Conference (AAISC6): A Focus on Wellbeing ('Afiya)

Minaret College, Springvale Campus, Victoria

### Program

Day 1, Saturday 19 August 2023

7:15am Bus pickup of attendees to Conference venue from Novotel Glen Waverly				
8:00 – 8:30 Conference Registration				
<b>Opening Session: Day 1</b>				
		Venue	Duration	Facilitator
8:30 – 8:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Quran Recitation:</b> Mr. Owais Rahman, Year 12 student, Springvale Campus Minaret College.</li> </ul>	Main Hall	5 mins	MC - Sr Jamilah Giousoh
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Welcome to country:</b> Uncle Andrew Gardiner (Wurundjeri clansman of the Woiwurrung people and an Aboriginal Muslim Australian).</li> </ul>		10 mins	
<b>Conference Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>				
8:45 – 9:15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mr. Mohammed Taksim:</b> Executive Principal, Minaret College.</li> <li><b>Mr. Abdullah Khan OAM:</b> President, Islamic Schools Association of Australia (ISAA).</li> <li><b>Mr. Adel Salman:</b> President, Islamic Council of Victoria.</li> <li><b>Professor Mohamad Abdalla AM,</b> Director, CITE, UniSA.</li> </ol>	Main Hall	7 mins each	MC - Sr Jamilah Giousoh
<b>Keynote address: <i>Setting the scene: 'Afiya and wellbeing in the Islamic worldview</i></b>				
9:15 – 10:00	<b>Sheikh Abdullah Newman</b> - Resident Imam and Scholar at the Mareeba Islamic Society, Queensland.	Main Hall	45 mins including Q&A	Dr Zachariah Matthews
10:00 – 10:25 Morning Tea				
10:25 – 10:30 Proceed to concurrent sessions				
<b>Concurrent sessions [max 30 per room, prior registration is necessary]</b>				
10:30 – 11:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mr. Abraham Al-Zubeidi</b> - Journeying to Simurgh: Character and wellbeing in the Islamic tradition. Contemporary praxis shaped by traditional discourse: A Case Study.</li> <li><b>Dr Aminah Mah</b> - Towards Ultimate Wellbeing: A Definition and Model from an Islamic Perspective.</li> </ol>	<b>Room A</b> <b>102-103 VCE Hub</b> <i>Wellbeing in Islam: Theory &amp; Practice</i>	20 mins presentation and 10 mins Q&A each	Ms. Kathryn Jones
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr Marini Kasim and Mohammad Aizat Mohammad Akram</b> - Teachers' Digital Resilience: The Role of Protective Factors towards Teachers' Psychological Wellbeing.</li> <li><b>Syed Ali Imran</b> - Muslim Teachers' Perceptions of Tarbiyah and its Implications on 'Afiyah</li> </ol>	<b>Room B</b> <b>104-105 VCE Hub</b> <i>Digital Resilience &amp; Teachers' perceptions of Wellbeing</i>	20 mins presentation and 10 mins Q&A each	Mr Ali Kadri
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms. Hena Jawaid</b> - The role of community engagement in enhancing wellbeing through restoring meaning in faith amongst teenage Muslims.</li> <li><b>Dr. Ahmad Al-Zaareer</b> - The effects of volunteering on students' wellbeing: Evidence-based outcomes.</li> </ol>	<b>Room C</b> <b>107 VCE Hub</b> <i>Student Engagement &amp; Wellbeing</i>	20 mins presentation and 10 mins Q&A each	Dr. Ibrahima Diallo
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Imam Farhan Khalil</b> - Enhancing Teacher Wellbeing through Wellbeing Interviews: A Case Study at AIA Kellyville.</li> <li><b>Mr. Mohammed Azim</b> - 'The well in wellbeing' – how we do it in our classes at exit point?</li> </ol>	<b>Room D</b> <b>Jiu Jitsu Studio Mohamed Hassan Hall</b> <i>Wellbeing in the Classroom</i>	20 mins presentation and 10 mins Q&A each	Dr Jan Ali
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms. Roset Khair</b> - No, money does not make you happier, but financial literacy does: Why financial literacy is essential for life-long wellbeing.</li> <li><b>Mr. Fehraz Fallil</b> - How robust financial management frameworks help directors sleep well at night.</li> </ol>	<b>Room E</b> <b>Building D Multipurpose Area</b> <i>Financial Literacy &amp; Wellbeing</i>	20 mins presentation and 10 mins Q&A each	Ms. Silma Ithram
	11:30 – 11:40 Proceed back to Main Hall			

Keynote address: <i>An integrated approach to sustainable Islamic School Leadership: Conversations a nd possibilities</i>				
11:40 – 12:20	<b>Dr Paul Kidson</b> - Senior Lecturer in Educational Leadership at the Australian Catholic University.	<b>Main Hall</b>	40 mins including Q&A	Mr. Mohammed Taksim
12:20 – 13:20 <b>Lunch and Salah</b>				
13:20 – 13:40 <b>Launch of Stimulus paper: Dr Nadeem Memon &amp; Mr Dylan Chown</b>		<b>Main Hall</b>	<b>20 mins</b>	
13:40 – 13:45 <b>Proceed to concurrent sessions</b>				
<b>Concurrent sessions</b> [max 30 per room, Prior registration is necessary]				
13:45 – 14:45	1. <b>A/Prof Dr Habib Bhurawala</b> - Developmental and Learning Problems in School Children: Understanding Impacts on Well-being in the Context of Islamic Schooling.	<b>Room A</b> <b>102-103 VCE Hub</b>	20 mins presentation and 10 mins Q&A each	Ms. Racha Makki
	2. <b>Mr. Ziyad Serhan</b> - Suicide prevention and building resilience in Islamic schools- a case study.	<i>Medical Health &amp; Wellbeing</i>		
	1. <b>Dr Ayda Succarie</b> - 'Hidden Truths' about Boards and Barriers in the Boardroom: School Climate and Community Wellbeing.	<b>Room B</b> <b>104-105 VCE Hub</b>	20 mins presentation and 10 mins Q&A each	Mr. Sam Halbouni
	2. <b>Mr. Fazeel Arain</b> - Leadership strategies to maintain wellbeing – lessons from the life of our Prophet (pbuh).	<i>Leadership &amp; Wellbeing</i>		
13:45 – 15:15	1. <b>Ms. Toltu Tufa</b> - Addressing Sexualized Behaviours in Muslim School Settings: Practical Strategies for an effective response.	<b>Room C</b> <b>107 VCE Hub</b>	20 mins presentation and 10 mins Q&A each	Dr Ibrahima Diallo
	2. <b>Assistant Prof. Shyla Gonzalez-Dogan</b> - When nowhere is safe: Experiences of anti-Blackness in Islamic institutions.	<i>Sexualised Behaviour, Racism &amp; Wellbeing</i>		
13:45 – 15:15	1. <b>Mr. Waseem Hassoneh and Ms. Susan Scott</b> – Thriving Together: Cultivating a Culture of Wellbeing.	<b>Room D</b> <b>Jiu Jitsu Studio</b> <b>Mohamad Hassan Hall</b>	20 mins presentation and 10 mins Q&A each	Mr. Dylan Chown
	2. <b>Ms. Mariam Bernard &amp; Ms. Zaynab Salim</b> - Thriving together: Cultivating Holistic Wellbeing in Learners, Educators and Communities.	<i>Culture &amp; Wellbeing</i>		
13:45 – 15:15	<b>Islamic Art workshop – Ms. Nazneen Wajid</b> (max 20 people, prior registration essential) Art for Afiya: A Hands-On Workshop on Islamic Art to Foster Well-Being	<b>Art Room</b> <b>Building D</b>	1.5 hrs	Ms. Nazneen Wajid
14:45 – 15:45 <b>Asr salah and afternoon tea</b>				
15:45 – 16:15	<b>Burn-out, slowing down and key takeaways</b> with Kathryn Jones	<b>Main Hall</b> Facilitator	30 mins	MC - Sr Jamilah Giousoh
16:15 – 16:30 <b>Day 1 – Delegate Wrap up and Close</b>			<b>15 mins</b>	MCs
18:30 – 23:00 <b>Crescent Wealth Dinner &amp; Awards Ceremony – Alencia, 39 Princes Hwy, Dandenong South VIC 3175, Australia</b>				

## Day 2, Sunday 20 August 2023

7:15am Bus pickup of attendees to Conference venue from Novotel Glen Waverly				
8:00 – 8:30	Registration Desk Open	Venue	Duration	Facilitator
8:30 – 9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Qur'an Recitation:</b> Mr. Mahad Ahmad, Year 10a, Officer campus, Minaret College.</li> <li><b>Re-cap of 1<sup>st</sup> day presentations</b> – (Table discussion with 1 person from each table highlighting 1 key takeaway from Day 1).</li> </ul>	Main Hall	5 mins 25 mins	MC - Sr Nisveta Sehavdic
Keynote address: <b>Nurturing Flourishing Communities: Enhancing Wellbeing in Islamic Schools</b>				
9:00 – 9:40	<b>Ms. Hanan Dover</b> - Clinical and Forensic psychologist and Clinical Director at Psychcentral	Main Hall	40 mins including Q&A	Ms. Aynur Simsirel
9:40 – 10:05 Morning Tea				
Plenary presentations				
10:10 – 11:10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Prof. Stephen Dobson</b> – Towards Islamic and other definitions of wellbeing-ness as experiences of inclusion, belonging and voice in a digital (post-Covid) world of global change?</li> <li><b>Ms. Rochelle Mutton</b> – Wellbeing and development through the lens of occupational therapy.</li> </ol>	Main Hall	60 mins total	Prof. Mohamad Abdalla
11:10 – 11:15 Proceed to concurrent sessions				
Concurrent sessions [max 30 per room, Prior registration is necessary]				
11:15 – 12:15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms. Raazia Rashid</b> - Secular Individualism as an Antithesis to Authentic Learning and Being: Critiquing Individualism in Education Through a Conversation between Islamic and Indigenous Perspectives.</li> <li><b>Dr Cam McDonald</b> – Mental Wellbeing Support for Educators: A 30-Day Personal Health Program Case Study.</li> </ol>	<b>Room A</b> <b>102-103 VCE Hub</b> <i>Renewed Thinking of Wellbeing</i>	20 mins presentation and 10 mins Q&A each	Ms. Leyla Mohamoud
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mr. Mohammed Taksim</b> - The importance of wellbeing as a whole of school approach to nurture students, support staff, leadership and meet organisational goals -The Minaret experience.</li> <li><b>Imam Mahmoud Alazhari</b> - Fostering Holistic Wellbeing in Islamic Schools in Australia: A Comprehensive Study</li> </ol>	<b>Room B</b> <b>104-105 VCE Hub</b> <i>Holistic Wellbeing in Islamic Schools</i>	20 mins presentation and 10 mins Q&A each	Dr Ibrahim Diallo
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms. Esra Boz and Ms. Evla Han</b> - A Coaching Approach to Professional Learning &amp; Leadership.</li> <li><b>Ms. Silma Ihram</b> - Practical Workshop on Staff Wellbeing Initiatives based on Tarbiyya and Tafakkur.</li> </ol>	<b>Room C</b> <b>107 VCE Hub</b> <i>Coaching &amp; Wwellbeing</i>	20 mins presentation and 10 mins Q&A each	Ms. Tulin Bragg
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mr. Ali Faraj &amp; Mr. Ziyad Serhan</b> - Old People's Homes for Teens: The Role of Social Connection in promoting wellbeing of young people.</li> <li><b>Dr Jan Ali</b> - A Pursuit of Human Wellbeing: An Islamic Perspective.</li> </ol>	<b>Room D</b> <b>Jiu Jitsu Studio Mohamed Hassan Hall</b> <i>Social Connections, Health &amp; Wellbeing</i>	20 mins presentation and 10 mins Q&A each	Mr. Ali Arabaci
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms. Thamina Kassar, Mr. Billal Khoder and Ms. Samara Jalloul</b> – Refining Behaviour Policies and Embracing Islamic Pedagogy: Fostering Islamic Wellbeing in a Caring and Inclusive School Environment</li> <li><b>Ms. Gulhan Yoldas</b> - Islamic Storytime – Wellness Through Connection.</li> </ol>	<b>Room E</b> <b>Building D Multipurpose Areas</b> <i>Behaviour Policies, Wellness &amp; Story Telling</i>	20 mins presentation and 10 mins Q&A each	Ms. Samah Taki
12:15 - 13:15 Lunch and Duhur Salah				

13:30- 14:45	<p><b>Panel Discussion:</b> Way forward for enhancing wellbeing in Islamic schools.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr Sam Halbouni – Principal of Senior School, Unity Grammar, NSW.</li> <li>2. Mr. Fazeel Arain – Principal, Al Siraat College, VIC.</li> <li>3. Mr. Abdullah Khan OAM – President, Islamic Schools Association Australia.</li> <li>4. Ms. Hanan Dover, Clinical and Forensic psychologist and Clinical Director at Psychcentral, NSW.</li> <li>5. Ms. Rochelle Mutton, Director and Senior OT, Motivate Kids, SA</li> <li>6. Dr Ayda Succarie, International Academic Lead, Middle East and Gulf, Western Sydney Uni.</li> </ol>	<b>Mail Hall</b>	75 mins	Dr Nadeem Memon
14:45 – 15:00	<b>Vote of thanks and End</b>	<b>Main Hall</b>	15 mins	Prof Abdalla

