



## 1st Annual Australian Islamic Schooling Conference

*National Centre of Excellence in Islamic Studies*

*Griffith University*

*In collaboration with Al-Siraat College, Melbourne*

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Searching for positive, alternative schooling for their children, Muslim parents living in western countries turn toward 'Islamic' schools. Accordingly, Islamic schools are growing rapidly in western countries with a large number of student enrolments.

But how much do we really know about the success of 'Islamic' schools in western contexts? Should this success be measured against academic performance or the attainment of the 'Islamic' in these schools? To what extent does a school's vision influence its future direction? Are teachers trained to impart the 'Islamic' in these schools? Do these Islamic schools implement an 'Islamic' behaviour management or character education model or imitate other 'secular' models? Are the Islamic studies programs relevant and contextual? Do Islamic studies programs meet students' needs and aspirations? Do Islamic schools equip young western Muslims with the necessary and relevant knowledge and skills to navigate in the modern world?

These are just some of the questions that **Continuity and Change: Envisioning the way forward for Islamic Schooling in the West** will tackle over two conference days, as it examines Islamic schools for young people from a whole-of-life and whole-of-community perspective.

With an impressive line-up of international and national speakers from a wide range of disciplines and sectors, **Continuity and Change: Envisioning the way forward for Islamic Schooling in the West** is sure to offer valuable and practical insights into the future of Islamic schooling in the West.

**Continuity and Change: Envisioning the way forward for Islamic Schooling in the West** is proudly presented by the Griffith University National Centre of Excellence for Islamic Studies, Brisbane in collaboration with Al-Siraat College, Melbourne.

**Continuity and Change: Envisioning the way forward for Islamic Schooling in the West** conference program will explore the following themes:

- » Vision and purpose in Islamic schools
- » Attaining the 'Islamic' in Islamic schools
- » Effectiveness, relevance and contextualisation of Islamic and Arabic studies
- » Worldview and the educative process
- » Traditional vs. contemporary pedagogical approaches
- » Curriculum models – toward a holistic model?
- » Teacher training

An international speaker will deliver a keynote address on the opening of the first and second days of which will then be followed by either a selection of additional presentations and/or a panel discuss concluding with Q & A with the audience at the end of each session.