

Darul Ulum College of Victoria

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Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuhu

Dear Respected DUCV Community,

It is with a heavy heart and deep sorrow that we inform you of the passing of our dear student, Alisha Hussein from the year nine class. Alisha suffered a severe asthma attack last Wednesday night and was taken to hospital. Despite the efforts of the medical staff, sadly Alisha lost her life. It goes without saying that her death has had an immense impact on staff, students and the community as a whole. We all grieve her loss alongside her family and friends.

Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi rajiun – Verily we belong to Allah, and truly to Him we shall return. May Allah SWT make Jannah Alisha's eternal destination. We have contacted the family to extend our condolences and we continue to pray that the Almighty Allah SWT bestows upon them lasting patience. (Ameen).

Alisha's death is a reminder for us all about fragility of life; and that death is haqq. The death of a child is indeed very bitter and burns everyone's heart; but at the same time as believers, we accept everything that comes from Allah SWT and we are grateful to Him under all circumstances and conditions.

The College has provided support to our staff, especially those who had a close relationship with Alisha, and we will continue to provide this support as long as it is needed. Our wellbeing personnel and teachers will also counsel students especially those who were in her class. In addition to this, all high school students participated in a wellbeing session delivered by a prominent scholar of psychology, Dr M. Carr-Gregg, on the topic of dealing with difficulties in life.

We request that parents of year nine level students work in partnership with the school by offering support to their children in coming to terms with their grief. It is a very difficult event that they are experiencing especially in the Covid-19 climate that we find ourselves in. Parents are welcome to contact the school's wellbeing department for further assistance with their children if they have any concerns or if they are in need of advice.

May Allah SWT give us all tauwfeek to gain His pleasure. (Ameen).

Yours in Islam, Mr Abdurrahman Gokler Principal