



DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

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Pastoral Care and Personal and Social Development at DIA **Information for Parents**

The Pastoral Care team in the Secondary School consists of a dedicated Deputy Head of Pastoral Care, a Head of Year for each Year Level, a Homeroom teacher for every class section and a caring and supportive teacher in every class for every subject. In effect every member of staff in the school is dedicated to working together to ensure that children are welcomed to the school and given the care and consideration they individually need to attain the best academic results and holistic development possible.

New Students to DIA Secondary School:

New students are welcomed to the school through the Friendship Ambassador Program which is an integral part of DIA's Pastoral Care and Student Leadership Program. It is designed to facilitate the settling in process for new students joining DIA. Friendship Ambassadors are students with very good social skills who have a positive influence on friendships in the classroom. When a new student joins DIA the Friendship Ambassadors in the same Homeroom welcome the new student. The Friendship Ambassadors are responsible for introducing the school to the new student and making sure that he or she feels comfortable in our school. The Friendship Ambassadors will also answer any questions the new student has related to student life at DIA.

As part of the Friendship Ambassador Program we host two New Student Luncheons in the beginning of the Academic Year to welcome all of our new students to DIA.

Homeroom Programme:

Students in the Middle Years Programme enjoy a scheduled Homeroom Period once in a two week cycle which is focused on understanding themes of personal and social significance. Such themes include Digital Awareness, Organisational Skills and How Health and Fitness Benefits Learning. These themes are flexible according to circumstances and needs through the academic year.

Student Leadership:

Our school has a very comprehensive focus upon developing principled leaders of our community who can take on the challenges of the world in time. The Pastoral Care team works to encourage and develop student leaders and determine ways they can add value to the school community.

Encouraging Positive Discipline:

Through the history of the school the emphasis has always been on creating a welcoming environment where students feel confident to express themselves within the bounds of recognizable norms and communicated expectations.

Should you require any further information, Mr. Robert Jennings (Deputy Head of Pastoral) can be contacted at robertj@diadubai.com. Alternatively, for issues relating directly to the Year Level, these may be communicated to the respective Head of Year.