



OUR ISLAMIC INTENTION:

*The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:
"If anyone travels on a road in search of
knowledge, God will cause him to travel on one of
the roads of Paradise. The angels will lower their*

*wings in their great pleasure with one who seeks knowledge. The inhabitants of
the heavens and the Earth and (even) the fish in the deep waters will ask
forgiveness for the learned person. The superiority of the learned over the
devout is like that of the moon, on the night when it is full, over the rest of the
stars. The learned are the heirs of the Prophets, and the Prophets leave (no
monetary inheritance), they leave only knowledge, and he who takes it takes an
abundant portion.*

- Sunan of Abu-Dawood, Hadith 1631

*The Prophet also said: "Acquire knowledge and impart it to the people." - Al-Tirmidhi, Hadith 107 and
"Knowledge from which no benefit is derived is like a treasure out of which nothing is spent in the cause
of God."*

- Al-Tirmidhi, Hadith 108

It is apparent from these sayings of our Prophet, peace be upon him, that the field of *Education*, Islamic Tarbiyah and Ta`leem, bringing up and knowledge-gaining, is one of enormous barakah due to its importance, and indeed its essential nature. It is intrinsic to our lives. It is imperative that we engage with the sources of knowledge, be they books, people, institutions or histories and enrich our lives and understanding. In parallel, we must apply what we learn in our lives, and share this divine legacy with the world around us.

Who deserves to be taught what we know of Islam and its manners and behaviours and its correct implementation more than the innocent children who, if they were to die now, would enter paradise directly inshaAllaah? Who deserves our utmost attention and intention to benefit more than the souls we have been the vehicles to bring into the world and who are our greatest responsibilities to teach and instruct while we can?

If we are able to impart the essentials of our Deen to the youngest members of our communities and have them understand the great importance of good manners and proper behaviour - as well as learning the particulars of Islam such as wudu, salah, Arabic, du`aa, etc then we will be placing them in a position for success in this world and the next inshaAllaah as well as fulfilling our enormous responsibility to them.

Knowledge of the Quran and Sunnah cannot be omitted from a child's life until he/she is already old enough to be responsible for prayer. Without the early grounding in Islamic activity and understanding, children will not grasp its importance, for we will not have shown them, either in our own example or in what we have explicitly taught them.

Allaah said: "Indeed it is only the knowledgeable among His servants who truly fear Allah." (35:28)

Prophet Muhammad said: “If anyone travels on a road in search of knowledge, Allah will cause him to travel on one of the roads to Paradise.”

Allaah said: “Cooperate with each other in righteousness and piety... ” (5:2)

The Last Prophet said: “Indeed, Allah loves from each of you that whenever he or she does work, that is done according to the best of his or her ability.”

and, “The best of you is one who learns the Qur'aan and teaches it to others.”

and, “The best of you is the one most beneficial to people.”

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: “One who treads a path in search of knowledge has his path to Paradise made easy by God...”

- Riyadh us-Saleheen, 245

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: "God, His angels and all those in Heavens and on Earth, even ants in their hills and fish in the water, call down blessings on those who instruct others in beneficial knowledge."

- Al-Tirmidhi, Hadith 422

It is with this intention and in this spirit that we have established Shajarah Islamic Kindergarten; an Islamic learning and care environment for children from the age of 3 years.

Our Islamic Program includes Qur`aan, Arabic, Nasheeds, manners, ways of performing everyday activities such as greeting others, eating, sharing, playing, sleeping, and keeping ourselves and our environment clean.

Our educators and carers are skilled and have or are studying Australian standard childcare qualifications. They are trained in our general Islamic program while we also have specialised Islamic educators for Qur`aan, Arabic and the like. We have an extensive library of Islamic-oriented books and resources as well as plenty of puzzles, games and other items designed to extend general motor-skills.

Our building is situated in a beautiful garden and the natural environment and growing some of Allaah’s ‘green’ creations will feature prominently in our program. Caring for the environment, recycling and avoiding wastage will also play a prominent role, encouraging children to think about where the things they eat and use every day come from and where they are going.

Healthy eating and appropriate exercise are important issues now more than ever and we intend to implement our own food program (meals) as soon as we can to this end as well as to minimise throw-away packaging etc.

In Conclusion: We ask **Allaah** to bless this initiative and to make it a source of benefit for our community and the wider society and we ask you to come and visit our centre, see what we are doing, hold us to our promises and forgive us when we fall behind in fulfilling our intentions. As with all new things, we are bound to make mistakes and to disappoint at times. **InshaAllaah** we will learn enormously as we travel this path, and may it grow wide with many branches. **Ameen.**
