

BROTHER ABDULLAH KHAN

Statement by Member for Belmont

MS C.M. ROWE (Belmont) [3.02 pm]: I rise with great pride today on behalf of the community to celebrate the recognition of Brother Abdullah Khan, executive principal and CEO of the Australian Islamic College. Brother Khan's exceptional and longstanding services to education and multicultural communities in WA were recognised in the King's birthday honours list in June, when it was announced he would be awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia.

Several members interjected.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members! Members, I am going to start the member for Belmont again because there is too much background noise. These are important statements that members get to make once a week. Show a bit of courtesy, please. Member for Belmont, start again.

Ms C.M. ROWE: I rise with great pride today on behalf of the community to celebrate the recognition of Brother Abdullah Khan, executive principal and CEO of the Australian Islamic College. Brother Khan's exceptional and longstanding services to education and multicultural communities in WA were recognised in the King's birthday honours list in June, when it was announced he would be awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia. Rising from grassroots to state policy level, Brother Khan has dedicated himself to fostering engagement and understanding for culturally and linguistically diverse communities in WA. Brother Khan currently serves on the Ministerial Multicultural Advisory Council and the WA Police Muslim Advisory Group. He is also the chair of the Islamic Schools Association of Australia.

Led by Brother Khan, the Australian Islamic College in Kewdale deeply enriches the social fabric of our Belmont community. The students at the AIC are deeply respectful, and the teachers, staff and leadership team, under the stewardship of Brother Khan, ought to be commended for fostering such a harmonious, educational environment, and nurturing such engaged, responsible and community-minded students.

In his typically humble fashion, Brother Khan views this award as recognition of the contributions made by multicultural communities in WA and the vital role they play in enhancing our society. Brother Khan is remarkably dedicated to WA's culturally and linguistically diverse communities. He has worked tirelessly in his advocacy and education roles, and makes a significant contribution to our community. Congratulations, Brother Khan!