Welcome everyone to another year of academic life in Isik College!

My name is Tuncay Terzi and I am the new Principal of Eastmeadows Girls High School as well as the Head Principal of Isik Colleges across the state. My academic life started shortly after I graduated from university. After working in the public education system in Melbourne for some time, I went on to work as a Head English Teacher at Private Samanyolu College in Ankara for several years. Following my return to Australia I was asked to work at our sister school Sule College in Sydney as a teacher/coordinator, then as a Deputy Principal. Later, I became the Principal of Wollongong Sule College and Auburn Sule College. Now I am here. Basically these were my career highlights in a nutshell. I am pleased and honored to be the principal of a school which has had great academic success over its short span of 10 years.

My job at Isik College is clear and straightforward. I will strive to ensure that students studying at Isik College have the perfect learning environment and are provided with the skills and resources to reach academic excellence. I will also ensure that the teachers in my team show the commitment and support necessary to make Isik College and its students shine. Because I strongly believe that Isik College is a more than worthy school to shine and live up to the term “The Golden Generation” as the world is in great need of golden youth with golden ideals.

I wish you all the best.

Kindest Regards,
Mr. Tuncay TERZI
Principal

I would like to warmly welcome all our students and staff to the new academic year.

We have started this year with 40 highly dedicated teachers and approximately 340 students. I am very proud to say that most of our students have made a pleasing start to the 2008 academic year, displaying a positive outlook and a determined effort to establish the habits that will keep them in good stead for the remainder of the year. As for our teachers, they do feel exceptionally privileged to be teaching such a motivated, well-behaved and invigorated group of students.

I would like to encourage our parents to actively take part in our school community, whether it be through communication, attending seminars and information nights or participating in upcoming events and school functions.

I look forward to meeting many of our students’ families at the Annual Welcome Barbeque which will take place on Sunday, the 2nd of March, between 12.00 and 3.00pm.

Ms. Nazan POLAT
Deputy Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, 26 February,
School Photo Day, P-12
Eastmeadows Campus.

Thursday, 21 February
Year 9 LOTE Excursion– HOYTS
12.30-3.30

Monday, 25 February
Dialogue Visit to Star of The Sea
College
Year 10 students

Sunday 2 March,
Annual Isik College
Welcome BBQ,
12-3pm, Eastmeadows Campus

Friday 7 March,
Award Ceremony
Eastmeadows Campus

Friday, 7 March
Year 7 Art Excursion

Monday 10 March,
Labour Day
Public Holiday

Thursday 13th March,
Parents & Friends Association
Annual General Meeting
9.30-11.00am, C Bloc,
Eastmeadows Campus

Thursday 20 March
Last day of Term 1

Friday, 21 March,
Good Friday
Public Holiday

16th-18th April
Year 7 School Camp
Stringybark Lodge, Vic
Welcome back to a new school year at Isik College. I hope the summer break gave you an opportunity to relax and recharge for a new school year.

The new year also signals the start of new pastoral care activities. The Pastoral Care Department is responsible for the promotion and maintenance of the social, spiritual and emotional wellbeing of both staff and students.

We have pastoral care teachers and mentors assigned for each class. A mentor is a university student — generally from among our last years’ graduates — who assists pastoral care teachers.

With the assistance of pastoral care staff, each class will be having the following activities throughout the year: excursions, sleepovers, picnics, reading camps, Interfaith Dialogue, celebrations of Holy Nights, fundraising activities, Human Appeal campaigns, interstate and overseas trips.

You will also be hearing more about our pastoral care activities aimed at parents, such as “Morning Tea”, which will start in the following weeks. Also we hope to see you at the “Welcome BBQ”.

I am very pleased to see that some of the classes have already made a quick start for the new year pastoral care activities such as class lunches and discussions. Also many classes has already arranged a class day for discussions. You will get letters relating to these activities.

I wish everyone a happy and safe 2008 educational year and hope that your expectations and dreams will be realised.

Mrs. D. Oztan KABAK
Pastoral Care Deputy Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers

I would like to welcome everyone to another exciting and thought-provoking year at ISIK College. There has been a slight change to my role at ISIK College this year with my primary focus being on curriculum development which includes staff professional development, curricular and co-curricular activities, excursions and incursions etc. As the new Curriculum Deputy Principal I am excited and looking forward to working with our highly capable staff, dedicated parents and motivated students in developing confident, thoughtful, critical global citizens with strong ethics and morals.

I will be working closely with our skilled Heads of Department in developing our curriculum and achieving our goals of developing thoughtful students.

Our Heads of Department are:

Ms Jann Keegan (English)
Mr Alper Ciftci (Mathematics)
Mr Arshad Mahmood (Science)
Mr Yavuz Asik (LOTE-Turkish)
Ms Zuleyha Aykan (ICT)
Ms Helena McAloon (PE and Arts)
Ms. Esra Boz (Humanities and Religious studies)

Students were issued with our 2008 ISIK College Student and Curriculum handbook last week. The handbook is a valuable guide to our College rules and regulation as well as a brief guide to our curriculum. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ms E. BOZ
Curriculum Deputy Principal

Welcome back to another great year at Isik College. My name is Mrs. Unal. I am the co-ordinator for years 9 and 10 and will also be teaching English to years 7 and 9. All year 9 and 10 girls can come to see me in relation to any questions or concerns. My desk is located behind the office. I wish everyone a successful year.

Mrs A. UNAL
9 and 10 Coordinator
Welcome to VCE 2008. I hope that we will have a prosperous academic year together.

We had a fantastic start to the 2008 academic year and our VCE students have settled into their studies very well displaying a positive outlook and a determined effort to establish the habits that will earn them success in the future. One of the prerequisites for success at Isik College VCE is a consistent and organized approach to study. This cannot be achieved in an unplanned fashion. VCE is a demanding program: students must be prepared to devote the required hours to the task and must be in a proper physical state to cope with the many and varied pressures.

It has also been a great start to the year with majority of students wearing the correct uniform to school. I would like to thank all the parents for their support on this important issue.

Our VCE students are in a position to provide leadership to junior students. Younger students look to them for example, encouragement and advice. Therefore, their approach to life as a VCE student must be positive, well considered and in keeping with their career and further education aspirations.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that if students are absent during an outcome, or SAC, they must see me to fill in the appropriate forms. Attendance at school for the complete school day and for after school and Saturday classes is of paramount importance. We expect that all our VCE students give importance to this issue with putting all the excuses aside.

I would also like to remind parents that, should you wish to discuss any issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Welcome to 2008

No Chucks for 2008

Chucks will not be allowed for use in PE this year due to the lack of support and cushioning they offer your foot. Please have proper sports runners for PE.

Ms. H. MOHAMED
VCE COORDINATOR

Uniform

THE ISIK COLLEGE SCHOOL UNIFORM INCLUDES:

Jacket: Isik College Jacket (compulsory in Term 2 & 3 and official school functions)
Skirt: Isik College skirt (Skirt length must be minimum mid-calf; maximum ankle length.)
Shirt: White cotton school shirt (must not be a tight fitting fashion shirt)
Jumper: Isik College Jumper
Shoes: Traditional black school shoes (leather – capable of being polished)
Tie: Black V type or blue (with yellow & burgundy stripes) male tie
Socks: White, knee high
Bag: Isik College bag (may use a travel trolley to carry school bags)

Earrings

Students are only allowed to wear one earring in each ear, and only in their ear lobes. The earring can only be a plain stud or a ‘sleeper’. Sleepers are not allowed to be larger than a five cent piece, and no other kinds of earrings are permitted.

Students will be asked to remove jewellery immediately from all other facial piercings.

Ideals

are like the stars;
you will not succeed in touching them
with your hands.

But like the seafarers of old
on the desert of waters,
chose them as your guide,
and following them you will
reach your destiny.

Carl Schurz
Welcome back from the holidays. We hope all students are feeling rested, and have been sharing their memories of special summer days.

**Naile Inanir, 1OB**

**Torquay**

Going to Torquay for a couple of days on the holidays was really exciting. The thought of the sun, sand and the late nights just made my heart beat faster.

My uncle was the one that had organised the place this time — it was usually my aunt that organises it. He was really hyped up, but when we arrived, everyone’s dreams were shattered. My uncle had organised a place right next to a farm and cows kept wandering around — not really the perfect view that you’d wish for.

The family didn’t make a big deal out of it though, as long as the family was together, the view didn’t matter. The second day I was at the beach the whole day. Laying down on the beach, listening to the waves just hit the rocks and enjoying the smell of fresh salt water — magnificent! Running around with my little cousin making castles from the sand was a beautiful memory to cherish throughout my life.

Time flew by so quickly, I couldn’t even understand. In a blink of an eye, we hit the third day. The ride back home didn’t go so well. I could say it was my worst. My whole body was burnt, so it was really hard for me to sit down on my seat without crying or screaming at the pain I was going through.

Overall though, it was a great experience and a lot of fun to share with my whole family.

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**Madina**

Matab Nouh, 8C

Best friend for ever!

Always sticks up for me -

I met my best friend when I was 4 years old. We've been friends ever since. We might have had little fights over silly things, but the important thing is that we are still friends.

The first day we met was 26th February, 1997. They moved into their new house. We were only about 3 or 4 years of age. We started playing together, then we became closer friends as we grew up. We always had little fights over the smallest things; for example, who was going to drink out of the pink cup when we were drinking with our families.

She's always joking around or playing tricks on me, which I don't find that funny at times. We go shopping together. I'm always in the sport section where the soccer balls and stuff are, and she's always in the clothes section where all the dresses are.

After looking at soccer balls and dresses, we normally go to the movies. We usually watch a horror movie or a comedy. We have the best time together.

Now we are both 14 years old and we're still the closest friends. She's always been there for me when I need her, and I suppose I have been there for her. She always sticks up for me when someone is teasing me or doing something bad. We know we don't want to lose each other. I hope we stay in contact if one of us moves away. A friend like her isn't found that easily.

Loves swimming.
Loves dancing.
Family girl.
Always laughing.
Loves her cat.
Always sticks up for me -

Sonay Saykan, 8C

Welcome to 2008