Mission of ISIK College is to achieve academic excellence and prepare students to participate in contemporary Australian society as informed, responsible, active, caring and contributing citizens.

Coming Events

4th March Year 10 Sovereign hill Excursion
8th March Year 7 Science Incursion
9th March Year 8 Science Incursion
16th March Year 7 Koorie Heritage trust cultural centre excursion
1st April Year 8 Ballarat KRYAL Castle Excursion
5th April Year 11 Ecolink Excursion
24th April Year 11 Supreme court (William st.) Excursion
2nd May Year 12 Latrobe Uni. Bundoora Campus Excursion

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Welcome to the 2011 Academic year at Isik College. I hope everyone - parents, students & staff - have a very happy and a successful year.

There have been some changes in the administration structure of the College. I have been appointed as the Eastmeadows Girls Campus Principal and Mr. Ilker Temizkan as the Meadow Fair Boys Campus Principal. I was the Eastmeadows Principal for 2006 and 2007, so I am not a stranger to the Girls campus. I am also delighted to announce the appointment of Mr. Zeki Dengiz as our Deputy Principal.

We have started this year with the opening of our two new buildings. The first one is our double storey state of art library. It contains a mini auditorium, VCE study room, reading room and a computer room besides a normal library. The second one is our VCE dormitory building which will accommodate nearly 30 VCE students. Students will stay and study there under the supervision of their teachers and mentors in a nice and friendly environment. It will not just help our students academically, but it will help them gain social skills.

We have already completed the first 4 weeks of the school year. It is vital that students make a rapid and efficient start to their year’s work. Hard work and a clear focus in every lesson are more important than ever this year.

I would like to thank all of our parents who joined us for the Welcome BBQ. These types of occasions are very important for our parents to meet teachers in an informal environment. I would like to also thank our Parent and Friends Association members for their hard work on this occasion.

Last weekend, Istanbul Culture and Arts Centre organised the annual Anatolian Culture Festival at Docklands. This is the second year of this festival. Last year it attracted nearly 20,000 people. Our school’s girls performed folk dancing and our Parent and Friends Association sold gozleme to raise money to buy interactive white boards for our year 7 classes.

First and Second round tertiary offers

The names of students who received first and second round offers to universities were published in the newspapers. Isik College students have managed to keep their names in the headlines with their high VCE marks and with their entrance rate into universities. I am very pleased with the results. According to the university second round offers 83% of our students have gained entrance into universities. In other words, 29 out of our 35 students were offered places and 4 student received a TAFE offer.

This success belongs firstly to our dedicated parents who have supported us from day one, our dedicated teachers and the friends of Isik College. I sincerely congratulate all our students and hope for their continued success.

I look forward to working with you all throughout the coming year.

Best wishes,
Mehmet Koca.
Welcome back to the school life which you missed I believe. I know that it was really short and unnoticeable holiday which did not make us miss the whole school life, but at least we as teachers missed you all.

I also would like to express my happiness to work with you in cooperation to make our school better. I think you all have enough experience to understand that like every part of life, school life is also based on action-reaction mutual relationships. It does not really matter who starts first, but good action will always brings a good or even better reaction.

We are expecting every member of ISIK family to take the first step without waiting from other party. Like we say, ‘Smile and the entire world smiles with you.’

Dear students ISIK College has an important aim in increasing the academic quality without sacrificing the cultural values. Remember that, in the learning process the main work is up to you. Our teachers and other staff will always be ready to guide you to the right direction of success and will keep you on the safe side, like lighthouses do. But you might appreciate that even the best teacher cannot teach the student that who does not want to learn. Teachers do not have a magic stick to make their students’ expectations come true. The first step is to know the value of learning and appreciate any effort.

On top of everything else, you should never forget what your parents and other family members do sacrifices for you. And what they expect from you is best academic achievement and a good news from your school. Please care about yourselves, at least as much as your families do about you.

Another important issue is the happiness which is completely subjective and depends on which direction you are looking at. My advice at this point is to pay attention on what you have, not what you do not own. This is the first step to happiness. Then you will experience how you feel happy when you share and then finally forget about your own happiness to make others happy. This is what all parents feel for their children. They are happier when you are happy even when this costs them too much and makes their life difficult, they smile to you even if they have tears in their hearts.

Finally, although we had some school related timetable issues, these first five weeks have run relatively smooth. I thank all staff and students for their support, cooperation and tolerance. I wish all the bests for our VCE students, I hope they will be achievers and fulfil the expectations of their family, school, country and the whole world.

Let’s say VIRA BISMILLAH for the new school year, like all fishermen say after a long period of pause. Remember you all will finish school and go further, but the important thing is to have no bad memories.

Mr. Zeki Dengiz
Deputy Principal
ISIK College Eastmeadows Campus
Dear parents, students and friends,

Welcome to an exciting start to the 2011 academic year as we look forward to many positive changes at ISIK College over the next few years.

**The Team** I would like to introduce you to my highly capable Heads of Departments (HoDs): Ms Keegan (English); Ms Mohamed (Mathematics); Dr Mahmood (Science); Ms Unal (Humanities); Ms Aykan (ICT); Mr Asik (LOTE); Ms Curseri (Arts); Ms Kor (R&V) and Ms Clemons (PE).

HoDs work closely with the teachers in their departments to improve student outcomes.

**Professional Learning Communities**

At the beginning of this year with assistance of funding through the Australian National Partnerships Programme all Curriculum leaders attended a 2 day conference on how to develop a professional learning community at ISIK College. The HoDs are sharing their experience and knowledge to develop a collaborative approach to learning and teaching with their departments which will in turn further develop student learning.

**ICT in the Curriculum**

The College plans to complete its installation of interactive whiteboards this year into all classrooms with internet access to support ICT in the curriculum. This year the College will also continue expanding Studywiz applications; an innovative learning platform designed to improve student outcomes.

Regards,

Ms. Esra Boz
Curriculum Deputy Principal

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.

All our efforts will be to enhance our students in moral values and to turn them into valuable members in our community and to turn them into valuable members in our community. To build strong individuals we need to build a strong community.

On behalf of the PCD I would like to invite and encourage everybody to get involved, as we greatly value and appreciate the feedback and ideas from all the teachers and parents.

I wish everyone a happy and safe 2011 educational year and hope that your expectations and dreams will be realized.

Warmest Regards,

Mrs. Aysel Temizkan
Pastoral Care Deputy Principal.
Dear Parents, students and Friends,
2010 was another successful year for Isik College in terms of VCE. 35 VCE students have completed their VCE and this year we have 57 year 12 students and 66 year 11 students dealing with VCE at Isik College.
As time goes fast we are in week 4 now and it is the time of the year where students start to realize the importance of their studies as they get ready for their SACs (School Assessed Coursework) which are lined up.

SACs are the most important school assessment component for VCE subjects and the ranking, marks and indicative grades besides the unit results are submitted to the VCAA by the subject teacher. Not being able to attend a SAC is a very serious matter. Justifying the matter is not the same method as it was in years 7-10.

Attendance to VCE classes is an important issue as our attendance rules are that 90% attendance is required at all times. This means a student is not allowed to be absent more than 9 days in a semester or more than 11 periods per subject. In the case of attendance requirements not being met an ‘N’ might be issued and the student’s requirements for satisfactorily completing VCE might be at jeopardy.

Also I would like to remind parents again about overseas trips. Any absences in June or July arising from overseas trips are not approved and will directly affect students’ VCE eligibility. Also for year 11 students who miss the semester exams due to overseas trips will be regarded as failing the semester and consequently fails the year.

This year Ms Adele Agha-Masri is the year 11-12 level coordinator. She will be dealing with any issue regarding uniform, discipline, lateness, attendance and etc. She will be the first point of contact for related issues.
Also Ms Kevser Gunduz has been announced as our new Careers advisor. She will be busy arranging guest speakers, helping VCE students with their preferences and SEAS applications, assisting year 10 students with their subject selections and anything to do with career pathways.

We wish the best for all our students in their academic endeavors.

Kindest Regards,

Mr. Alper Ciftci
VCE Coordinator
Our 2010 graduates had achieved very well. 5 of them had their ATAR score above 90. After the results were released, in December we had an award ceremony in Serenity reception centre. Students who scored between 90 and 94.5 were awarded with an iPad. Students who scored above 95 were awarded with Macbook Air’s and Macbook Pro’s depending on their score. It was unfortunate that we were unable to award a brand new car this year for a student but we hope that for next year we’ll have one student to get 99.75 to own a brand new car.

Below is the courses that our graduates have enrolled into:

- ACAR SEYHAN Science Monash University
- AKYURT GAMZE Pharmaceutical Sciences RMIT University
- ALFAYADH FADAK Law/Arts La Trobe University
- ALGUL TEVHIDE Science La Trobe University
- ALPAY BUSRA Biomedical Science Monash University
- AYDIN SELIN Architecture Deakin University
- CELEBI BUSRA Biotechnology RMIT University
- CICEK BUSRA Biological Sciences La Trobe University
- EREN SUMEYRA Nursing La Trobe University
- GENCER RABIA Science University Of Melbourne
- GORU ASLIHAN Health Sciences La Trobe University
- GUNDEM BUSRA Education (P-12) Victoria University
- GURDAG SALIHA Biological Sciences La Trobe University
- GURKAN TUGBA Science University Of Melbourne
- ILHAN SUMEYRA Pharmacy RMIT University
- KALKAN KARDELEN Biomedical Science/Commerce Monash University
- KALKAN ELIF Architecture RMIT University
- KAYNAK HILAL Science Monash University
- KEMAL ESRA Science University Of Melbourne
- KURBAN FATMA Food Technology and Nutrition RMIT University
- MERHI HALABIA Social Work/Psychology (Social Science) RMIT University
- METANIOS SARA Engineering-Aerospace RMIT University
- OFLI SUZAN Psychology-Arts Swinburne University
- ORMAN FERIDE Science Monash University
- OZ EBRU Biomedicine University Of Melbourne
- SERT NESLIHAN Biomedicine University Of Melbourne
- TAIROVSKA SEMRA Textile Technology (Applied Science) RMIT University
- TURAN DUYGU Social Sciences La Trobe University
- YURTER UMRAN Health Sciences La Trobe University
Welcome back to a new school year at Isik College. It gives me great pleasure to undertake my new role as Year 11 and 12 coordinator this year. I hope all year 11 and 12 students have had a restful break and are ready for the challenging year ahead. As the seniors of the school, you are expected to be role models in both behavior and appearance. All year 11 and 12 students should be in full school uniform at all times. Your behavior in class and around the school ground is also of the utmost importance.

Year 11 and 12 can be a stressful at times I would like to make these years as comfortable for you as possible. Please remember that my door is always open to parents and students if you have any concerns.

I would like to wish all students, parents and teachers a prosperous 2011.

“The first step in the acquisition of wisdom is silence, the second listening, the third memory, the fourth practice.”

Mrs Adele Agha-Masri
Year 11 and 12 Coordinator

Dear Isik college family,
First of all, I would like to extend my best wishes for 2011 school year. I am the Year 9 & 10 Level Coordinator. This is my third year in coordinating and learning curve is still very steep.

Year 9 and 10 are the key years in a young person’s education life. While I work towards providing the best possible environment for our students, I will also walk together with them thorough the challenging times of adolescence with plenty of support and a sense of humour ready to break the blues.

It is also a pleasure for me to leak the good news of having club activities for our students.
I would like to add that I am ready to offer every assistance to our parents to achieve the best outcome for our students.
Hope to have a great year.

Esra Dogan
Year 9 and 10 Level Coordinator
It is our pleasure to warmly welcome back the girls for another intense and exciting new academic year. As the school counselors, Melike hanim and I have had the opportunity to support and assist many students last year and we would like to extend our services in 2011.

All students from Year 7 through to Year 12 and their parents are welcome to come and talk to us about any family, personal, emotional and social issues for support. Our role is to provide continued motivational and emotional support to all students at our College to enable them to reach their full potential academically as well as developmentally and personally.

Our focus for 2011 will be to raise the students’ awareness on important personal development and contemporary social areas including; cyber bullying, body and self-image, self-confidence, resilience, friendship, social inclusion and maintaining healthy family relationships. The ethics and values of the school are upheld by our department at all times.

The 2011 planer also includes conducting seminars and presentations for parents. The focus of topics for this year may range from: Family Conflict Resolution, Internet Awareness and Supporting Students Study Techniques. Awareness of our environmental influences and making learned decisions about our options in life allow us to make positive choices and succeed in life. Hence we have had the pleasure of seeing our 2010 students graduating with excellence and we would like wish your family and your daughters all the success in their education for 2011.

Please feel free to contact either myself or Melike hanim with regard to any enquiries about Student Services and the referral process. Parents’ and students’ please note: ‘If something seems far too big for you to cope with, maybe it’s because you’re meant to share the load with someone else.’ And that what makes our service unique because everyone that comes with their own unique story.

Research into the adolescent brain shows that there is a physical as well as social basis to periods of ‘transition’. Therefore, theories of adolescent development are best linked to questions of recognising that learning always involves the interaction of cognitive and emotional processes and that: ‘changes in capacity in adolescence involve, maturing mental functions, identity development and beliefs about the self, motivations, strategies for achieving autonomy and control. All are strongly affected by environmental influences.

Mrs. Gul Ozluk & Ms. Melike Karaoglu
School Counselors
Welcome to 2011 and to our new Learning Centre! Our new Learning Centre is well equipped with lots of resources and books for our students enjoy. We will have 32 computers for staff and student usage, Year 12 Study Room, Open Space reading area/Study area and Auditorium. Our Learning Centre is open for students from week 3 onwards and borrowing will commence at a later date.

Also our auditorium in the library will be dedicated to and named after Philippe De Zilwa who tirelessly managed our Isik College Libraries for many years.

We look forward to seeing you enjoy in our library.!!!

Halise Gunduz
Teachers & parents meet in a comfortable and relaxed environment and shared ideas on how to improve student learning. Also enjoyed delicious BBQ and friendly atmosphere.

The Welcome BBQ was great. Not only do parents have the opportunity to meet the teachers but we teachers have our spirits lifted when we meet those parents who care so much about their children’s education. It was fun day for everyone.

Mr. Patterson

ISIK College Eastmeadows Campus
Parents Association organised a welcome BBQ for parents and teachers.

Program was marvellous. It was a great chance for teachers to meet parents.

The Helium balloons and face painting (thanks to Ms. Ayse Unal) made kids happy.
Overall it was a fun day :)
Zuleyha & Hatice Mohamed
The Annual Anatolian Cultures and Arts Festival took place in Docklands, Melbourne on 26th & 27th February 2011.

Over two days festival visitors experienced a magical performances by local and international artists.

Anatolian Cultures & Arts Festival attracted people from all walks of life. Everyone enjoyed the remarkable musical feast with concerts performed by Turkey’s popular music group such as Group AYNA, accompanied by comedian and artist Mr. Hasan Kacan.

Music and entertainment is one of the most significant attractions of the Anatolian Cultures & Arts Festival.

There were guest speakers from different walks of life such as local parliamentarians, community leaders and head of business.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to ISIK College LOTE department and Istanbul Culture & Arts Centre for organising such an extraordinary event.

Picture below; Mayor of Corum presenting a gift to Mrs. Gulsah Yildirim.
From the Past to the Present...

The Anatolian Cultures and Arts festival is more than a celebration, it is a unique journey to a legendary land, and a rare glimpse into its diverse history and culture.

It was an opportunity to experience the traditions, arts, music and foods of an over thousand year old culture.

At the Anatolian Cultures and Arts Festival, we travelled hundredths year back when whirling dervishes from Konya performed their Ceremony of Sema along with Australian Sufi Music Group’s concert.

The Experience at the Anatolian Cultures & Arts Festival

Anatolian Cultures and Arts festival gave us a chance to discover a distant culture and a shared past. It was like waving hand to the past...

It was like we were walking into the legendary Grand Bazaar of Istanbul.
Maths Zone

MATHS
CHALLENGE
OF
THE MONTH

There are two glasses, one containing a liter of milk, the other a liter of water. Take one tablespoon of milk and mix it with the water. Now take one tablespoon of the water/milk mixture and mix it with the pure milk to obtain a milk/water mixture. Is there more water in the milk/water mixture or more milk in the water/milk mixture? Prove your answer with sufficient working out.

Note: Please bring your answers with mathematical explanation to Mrs. Mohamed. The first student who brings the correct answer with sufficient working out will be given a surprise gift and a certificate of achievement.

Prepared by Hatice Mohamed

MATH POEM

Positive & Negative
-3 -2 -1 0 +1 +2 +3
From zero's place,
On number line,
Numbers fall,
Depends on sign...
Negative left,

Positive right,

It's no doubt,
An awesome sight!
Zero- sea level,
Negative-low,
Positive- up,
That's how it goes...
A positive's good,
A negative's bad,
Both numbers, though,
Make you glad...
From zero's place,
On number line,
Numbers fall,
Depends on sign...

Prepared by Menekse Polat

SSNK College Eastmeadows Girls Campus
A group of Cambodian students came to our school beginning of this term. They stayed about two weeks. Participated in integrated activities with our students.

Respect & Social Inclusion: Be aware of others and their cultures, accept diversity within a democratic society, being included and including others.

RESPECT
Respect is a lesson that everyone should learn,
Respect must be given before an expected return,
Respect is something that’s given for free,
Respect is about us and never about me,
Respect is the basis on which relationships are founded,
Respect is the anchor that keeps a person well grounded,
Respect builds the character and defines who we are,
Respect sets the standard and raises the bar,
Respect is magnanimous and helps to fulfil,
Respect is the partner that sits with good will,
Respect is like honey so sweet it’s perceived,
Respect a taste to savour for when it’s received.

D. Wilson

Above Pictures Year 9 students sharing a lunch with Cambodian Students.