School lights up West

Top college to open campus in Sunshine

The light shines on Sunshine with new school Isik College - also known as Light College - welcoming the 2010 academic year.

The private school on Fitzgerald Rd will be the seventh Isik campus, the first of which opened in Broadmeadows in 1997.

Also known as the Ibrahim Dellal campus, the Sunshine school has chosen its name to acknowledge Mr Dellal, the 77-year-old Cypriot community elder to recognise his half a century of volunteering.

The non-denominational school welcomes students from all backgrounds regardless of belief, culture or gender - in Mr Dellal’s words, it is “open to all those that want to come to us”.

Isik College’s Broadmeadows campus has consistently achieved the highest university offers in the north-western suburbs since its first graduates in 2002.

“Recently, Isik college has become one of the best VCE performing schools in Victoria,” Sunshine principal Ismail Kullu said.

“Therefore, we would like to extend our quality education services to the western suburbs.

“Even during the construction period, we have received many applications from the local community. Some of the classes are already filled to capacity and others are filling up fast.

“It is quite appropriate that Isik College should be where there is sunshine,” Ali Gungor, chief executive of Selimiye Foundation, the non-profit organisation that runs Isik College campuses said.

The foundation is a community organisation to provide quality education to local communities.

“We have students who have won scholarships studying and living in and around Sunshine so it was the logical step to open an Isik College campus here,” he said.

“We would like to see the next generation of Australians to be givers, not takers. We want them to be empathic, educated and active members of their community who have an inner drive for peace and harmony.

Mr Gungor said the school’s development was made possible with Brimbank Council and the local community.

Isik College Sunshine will cater for 140 prep to grade 6 students and is planning to open year 7 and 8 in 2011.

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