Isik College tops city’s VCE score

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A BROADMEADOWS Turkish school has topped Hume schools for VCE performance.

Isik College’s Broadmeadows and Upfield campuses each had a median VCE study score of 31 last year, just above the state-wide average score of 30 for each subject.

Isik College Broadmeadows campus principal Mehmet Koca said teachers were proud of the students’ achievements.

“Last year, about half of our students received an ATAR score above 80, which is a great achievement,” he said.

“We are defining ourselves as an academic school and giving importance to academic results in the northern suburbs, which has been stigmatised as a low academic area,” he said.

Mr Koca said the college was proof that the single-sex model worked.

The Broadmeadows campus had 14 per cent of study scores of 40 and over, with the Upfield campus at 13 per cent.

Aitken College deputy principal Kim Forward said he was pleased to see the school’s VCE results had steadily improved over the years, peaking with last year’s results. Seven per cent of the school’s study scores were 40 and over.

“Our average ATAR score has increased each year as well as the number of students with ATAR scores over 80 – last year that was a quarter of our students,” he said.

VCE results are recorded in terms of study scores from 0 to 50, with 30 being the average score in all subjects.

The median study score is the middle score when all the study scores obtained by students of the school are ranked from highest to lowest.

Apart from Isik College and Aitken College, Hume schools lagged behind the state average.

Craigieburn and Hume Central secondary college had no study scores of 40 and over.

Kangan Institute had the lowest median study score for Hume, with 20, but 2 per cent of study scores were 40 and over.

Centre for Youth VCE co-ordinator Mark Robinson said one student received an ATAR score of 99.05 and achieved a perfect study score of 50 in chemistry.

Kangan will hold VCE enrolment sessions next week, 2-4pm, and 5.30-7pm on January 25 and 27 at Pearcedale Pde, Broadmeadows. Details: 138233.