A MEADOW Heights student has received a top education honour for his VCE achievements.

Former Isik College student Anil Yasar Zirek, 18, last month received an Australian Student Prize from federal Education Minister Peter Garrett for academic excellence.

Mr Zirek received a 99.35 ATAR score last year and was offered a place at Monash University studying medicine and surgery.

He said having goals helped him with his study in year 12.

“It’s really good to know your goals and work towards them,” Mr Zirek said.

“I found helping out my classmates with their work also helped me with my study.”

Five hundred Australian Student Prizes are presented each year after students are nominated by their state or territory education ministers.

Anil Yasar Zirek, awarded a 2010 Australian Student Prize, is now studying medicine at Monash University.

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