It’s time for Hume’s secondary students to hit their keyboards and demonstrate their creativity in the first Hume i-tech Challenge.

The multimedia competition is an initiative of Hume Council and Isik College and has two categories - a digital story-telling category for years 7 and 8, and a website design category for years 9 and 10.

Isik College secondary school principal Ilker Temizkan said students entering the competition could produce digital stories or design websites on any topic they wanted.

Mr Temizkan said schools used a variety of digital equipment such as interactive white boards and laptop computers, and the challenge was one way of getting students “more interested in technology”. “Everything is now improving and we’re living in (a) technology world,” he said.

“Technology’s running, so we’re trying to catch up with it.”

Mr Temizkan said all of Hume’s secondary schools were eligible to enter, and the closing date for expressions of interest had been extended until the end of next month.

Students will be judged on their abilities to demonstrate “the most creative and effective use of multimedia technologies” and the winner will receive $1000 for themselves and $1000 for their school.

The total prize pool for the competition, which is also sponsored by Westpac and the Selimiye Foundation, is more than $5000.