Passion pays off for students
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TWO Hume top performers have been recognised in the annual Premier’s VCE Awards.

Sade Dikmen and Mohammed Ozturk, both from Isik College’s Broadmeadows and Upfield campuses, received honours for their high achievements in the subject areas of LOTE-Turkish and Further Mathematics, respectively.

Sade, 17, was proud when she received a letter in the mail that she had topped the state in Turkish - scoring 49 out of 50.

Now in year 12, she studied the subject while in year 11 last year.

"I was very happy my hard work had paid off. I got a bit teary-eyed. Although it wasn’t that hard because I actually like the subject. It was also good because I was not doing any other year 12 subject and could concentrate on it," she said last week.

Sade is studying maths, English, legal studies, psychology and business management subjects and hopes to study international studies/law at university.

"I think the high score will help me in the future. It is also good to have one subject out of the way."

Premier Ted Baillieu presented the award winners with certificates at a ceremony last week.

He said VCE was one of life's challenges and the students had tackled it with great dedication and skill.

"Today is a celebration of the truly exceptional effort made by students who excelled in their VCE last year through a combination of commitment, passion, talent and plain hard work," he said.

Mr Baillieu presented certificates to the state's 20 top all-round VCE high achievers who had scores of 46 out of 50 or higher in at least five VCE studies.