

THE WISDOM COLLEGE REPORT CARD

by

Waka Su



As the first term of the school year has just finished, not only are teachers having a well deserve break, but one school is celebrating a little more than others. Wisdom College only opened its doors to students at the beginning of this year and for those involved in the school, it was a long combined sigh of relief. After many years of planning and waiting for government approvals, there was an unexpected urgency as the block of land had approximately 4 weeks to be up and running as a functioning school

before the new school year commenced.

Currently the school caters for Prep to Year 7, but it started small, with 32 eager students and 3 more eager teachers, but enrolments have been increasing. For the most, people believe it is a Turkish or Islamic school and only Turkish or Muslims attend the school, in actual fact the school is a non-denominational private college with children from a variety of backgrounds and religions.



The school has already been audited by Queensland Education to make sure that it was following the curriculum, that standards were high, and rules and regulations as per a state school were being followed. The school has implemented the new Australian Curriculum already but also offers a modern curriculum with a focus on traditional methods of respect, kindness and a focus on moral and ethical issues. The college also offers a pastoral care program to assist in their mission to educate the whole child. So far the senior students have been on weekend excursions and sleep overs with a supervising teacher from the school and they also get additional homework assistance.

Parents from the school are more than happy about what the school offers as one parent explains, 'Wisdom College not only caters for my child's educational needs but also addresses his moral, ethical and spiritual values as well, which was really appealing to me. Also the college is open to students from all faiths and ethnic backgrounds which allow

children to learn how to live in harmony and value people other than their own culture. I believe, in a fast growing global society this is a very important issue, for our children to be able to get along and appreciate people from a variety of different backgrounds. This allows them not only to co-exist but co-work in harmony with others.'



Teachers were more excited than the children to be starting school, and it was exciting for all concerned to see the classrooms slowly filling up with lovely furniture and resources. To enter the classrooms now, you wouldn't believe the school is only a couple of months old, as the classrooms are packed with teaching resources and student materials. Each classroom has its own interactive smart board which is working towards building technology smart students and bringing the latest teaching tools to the classroom. Most lessons are taught on the smart boards even for the preps, as they not only love interacting with it, but love producing new work on it.

The school will have its official opening later on in the year, when all construction has been finalised. It may have been a little difficult teaching and learning around the construction but the children, parents and staff have been very patient, and it won't be long before its all finished.



The school principal Mr Ahmet Ozcelik (pictured right) sums it up well, 'I feel privileged to be a part of such a Boutique School. From the first day I could see the sparkle in the eyes of the students who will be graduating from this school and becoming the future leaders.'