

NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient



Mahir Kara

Bachelor of Science (Physics), Aircraft Engineering, Graduate Diploma of Education
Isik College, Upfield, Victoria
Nominated by: Secondary Student Council

Position: Deputy Principal (Pastoral Care), Head of Department (Mathematics) • Category: Secondary • Level taught: Year 11 and 12 • Years teaching: 4 years • Years at this school: 4 years • School type: Independent • Town/Suburb: Upfield • State: Victoria • Postcode: 3047

Why teaching?

I had a teacher whose enthusiasm, motivation, eagerness to learn and teach, and ability to change/positively influence people's lives, inspired me to be like him.

I believe life itself is beautiful when you share your knowledge, your time, and your experiences with others. Seeing the results keeps the passion for teaching alive.

Fostering optimism and a love of learning

Mahir Kara is the charismatic Head of Mathematics at Isik College. He has the ability to develop a strong rapport with his students and is looked upon as a significant role model. His mathematics classes are challenging but inclusive, and he is always prepared to experiment with different learning methods to help his students arrive at solutions.

As Head of Pastoral Care, Mahir donates a great deal of his personal time to running after-school, recess and lunchtime classes as well as excursions. At the end of each term he conducts a study and recreational camp at which students can get a head start and extra help in all topics for the coming term. All students who have attended his extra lessons have achieved significantly improved results.

Mahir is also actively involved with past students of Isik College. He runs weekly meetings with students who have graduated to keep alive that link between past students and the college, and through this, he encourages them to return to the college as role models and mentors to younger current students.

Mahir's students value him for his enthusiasm and optimism. As one of the school's deputy principals, he has helped to create a supportive learning environment that is both encouraging and inspiring.

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