



Fur and feathers

Marcellin Technical College has welcomed its first class of students enrolled in the animal studies program.

The college, well-known for its technical trade training, is offering animal studies to meet local demand for education and training in this area.

The animal studies' students have already completed their first block of work placement in different organisations, including wildlife parks and veterinary clinics. Year 12 student Courtney Harper (pictured) did her first work placement at Urimbirra Wildlife Park. She chose Urimbirra because she wants to gain employment in a wildlife park or zoo. Courtney had enough theoretical knowledge for the satisfactory completion of different tasks at the park.

Leonie Kenyon, Animal Keeper/Work placement supervisor: "There is a big shortage of students studying in animal studies program in the southern area. So we're glad to work on remedying this with Marcellin Technical College. Marcellin's student Courtney worked exceptionally well,

completing all tasks on a high level".

Marcellin Technical College offers a two-year program in a number of subject areas combining the South Australian Secondary Education Certificate, nationally accredited training to certificate level in a vocation of choice, and assistance with employment which includes apprenticeships and traineeships.

College Principal Jim Fenoughty said that the animal studies program was a real hit for students with an interest in a career working with animals.

"We take great pride in doing what we can to address the local skills shortage. There are many jobs working with animals but not a lot of education and training for these roles in the southern area. Our strategy is to develop and position our courses to meet demand," he said.

Potential careers include animal welfare workers, RSPCA animal protection officers, pet shop salespeople, wildlife park attendants, zoo keepers and veterinary nurses and attendants.

Future leaders



School leaders discuss what makes good leadership at the annual School Leaders' Forum.

Mercedes College recently hosted the annual School Leaders' Forum, a gathering of student leaders, captains and prefects from Catholic schools in Adelaide. Run by Josh Foulis from the Office for Youth and Young Adults at Catholic Education SA, the aim of the night was for the large group of students to mingle and to get to know the leadership responsibilities that various schools entrust to their students.

Included in discussion during the course of the evening were those who we believed to be the top five acclaimed leaders of the past century, reasons why individual students had decided to put themselves forward for leadership, and ultimately the most important characteristics which make a true leader.

"More than anything else, the evening was a wonderful opportunity to set up a 'leadership network' across all the schools, so as to attain new contacts that we can call on when needed," said Mercedes school leader Naomi Francis.

"From the night, one of the main things that we were able to take away was that to be a leader of others, a person must first be able to lead themselves, by standing up for what they believe in.

"The combination of this with the ability to listen to and negotiate with others, and to show understanding and compassion, actions which are not always that easy to follow through, should in effect make an unstoppable leader."



NEW CENTRE: Mount Carmel College, in Rosewater, has opened its new Language Centre, which boasts the best of traditional and state-of-the-art teaching facilities for both language-focused and other humanities-based subjects. Funded by the Building Education Revolution program, the centre was named after Sister Josephine Dubiel RSJ, Province Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph (Victoria) and the last Josephite Sister to lead the college in the role of principal. A commemorative plaque was unveiled by Federal Mental Health and Ageing Minister Mark Butler. Pictured are, from left, Mount Carmel College student leader Jackie Edwards, Sr Josephine and student leader Louise Quilao.