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Bremer TAFE to expand

Enrolment hike strains

By ALANA SCOTT

IPSWICH'S Bremer Institute of TAFE has expanded its facilities at Springfield's Education City to cope with burgeoning enrolments.

Bremer director Michael Thomas said demand among students was running at exceptional levels with 888 enrolled, a rise of 20 per cent on the corresponding time in 2009.

"This is exceeding the average by 7.6 per cent recorded for TAFE statewide," Mr Thomas said.

A spokeswoman for Mr Thomas said Bremer enrolled 106 students when it opened its Springfield campus in 2006 and pupil numbers could soon reach 1000.

The new campus facilities, to run in addition to the Bundamba campus, will occupy 500sqm on level three of the World Knowledge Centre and combine state-of-the-

art learning, computing and office space.

Mr Thomas said the new campus has been established to meet increased demand for justice administration, auto CAD and 3D, accounting, bookkeeping, business administration and community service programs.

"The new facilities feature two high end design labs and software for computer-aided design, 3D rendering, graphic design and specialised business and accounting applications," he said.

Springfield Land Corporation Executive Education and Health general manager Terry Kearney said expansion at Education City continued to position it as an education hub.

"We are very happy to see the Bremer Institute of TAFE succeeding and expanding their business," he said.



COLOURFUL MESSAGE: Springfield Lakes State School pupils wear orange in their Say No to Bullying campaign. Picture: Ric Frearson

Pupils a wall against bullies

SPRINGFIELD Lakes State School pupils donned orange last Friday to Say No to Bullying.

Principal Tom Byrne said the day sent an important

message to the pupils about the role they needed to play.

"We held three assemblies during the week, which all revolved around the 'Say No to Bullying' theme," Mr Byrne

said. He said the school was also focused on reporting bystander behaviour and the anti-bullying message would be reinforced on Harmony Day next week.

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