Inquiry into Geographical Differences in the Rate in which Victorian Students Participate in Higher Education

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As the school captain of Isik College i feel it is my duty to adress this issue. Our school is located in Broadmedows an area which doesnt usually achieve very well.

Year after year Isik College VCE students have preformed extremely well in there VCE results; the latest achievement being a 100% university offer. This achievement is not due to the area in which we are located in, this is due to our dedicated teachers.

More facilities need to be provided, we have one library in which all Broadmedows students crowd into. This library is located opposite a shopping centre and has therefore become a 'hang out joint' for teens.

University means ALOT to students, after seeing all the effort we students struggle to put in we want to end up at university not at tafe which you dont even need to have completed year 12 for.

I belive enter scores should be scaled up or down accoring to your location. This will be a big effort but it will make university entrance much fairer. Why should a student who attends a school in the city, who has rich parents who give him/her everthing and anything they need have an advantage over us.

This isnt a complaint that there richer than us but is more so a plea to get something done. We want the facilites they have, we want the care and attention they get, but most of all we want the marks and universities they get.

They say Australia is a fair and just country; lets work according to that theory and make university entrance and enter scores fair.