

## Top Marks for Education Growth in Springfield



Greater Springfield west of Brisbane has scored an A+ for remarkable growth in school enrolments in a city where almost half the residents are pursuing some form of education.

Springfield Land Corporation's General Manager for Education and Health Terry Kearney said 48.5 per cent of the city's population was now in formal learning, a jump of two per cent on last year.

"From childcare to primary school, high school to University and TAFE, the figures are proof that parents and their children in Brisbane's western corridor prefer to stay close to home for a world-class education," Mr Kearney said.

"We have hundreds more people hitting the books here in 2013."

The Bremer TAFE's Springfield Central campus has seen very significant growth this year with a February enrolment of 500 students. Their relocation to a standalone campus in Education City enables them to cater for further expected growth in the future.

An upward trend continued at the Springfield Central campus of Southern Queensland University where enrolments will cap out at 2000 students this year.

The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School opened its doors this year with 68 pupils, an encouraging figure for a P-3 school.

Springfield Central State High School came top of the class with enrolments up 77 per cent (an extra 293 students) due to their expansion and additional Year 7 and Year 11 classes.

Springfield Land Corporation Chairman Maha Sinnathamby said education was pivotal to the city's philosophy.

"I have always believed good education is fundamental to a progressive community and we are excited to see Greater Springfield's school system is blossoming," Mr Sinnathamby said.

"We will continue to lead the nation by offering centralised learning opportunities for people from all walks of life throughout this region."