MARY Margetts took over the role of principal at North Lake Senior Campus in 2007. She came to a school with an amazingly diverse student group and an experienced and expert staff. Now entering her ninth year in the job Ms Margetts remains excited by the challenges ahead.

“I think the way our campus supports diversity through mutual respect is very powerful,” she said. “The supportive atmosphere makes for a safe learning environment. We have had a number of students in the past couple of years attain 99+ ATARs but we also realise that not everyone wants or needs to go to university. Our aim is to help produce proud, resilient, productive Western Australians who can be employed anywhere in the world.”

North Lake has three parts – the mainstream campus runs Year 11 and 12 courses without age or residential restrictions; Fremantle Fast Track helps students gain Year 10 equivalence and ready themselves for Year 11, training or jobs; and the Intensive English Centre caters for new arrivals in Australia aged 16-21 who need to learn or improve their English.

In 2014 Ms Margetts was recognised as a local champion of education when she was awarded an Australian Council of Educational Leaders fellowship.

Ms Margetts said she was looking forward to the new year at North Lake.

“We will continue to be a safety net for those who have missed out on education opportunities or, after leaving school and moving into a workplace, have realised their goals have changed,” she said. “North Lake will continue to treat students as adults and help them to succeed – we simply suggest you ring us to have a conversation about the future and arrange a tour of the campus.”

North Lake Senior Campus is at 188 Winterfold Road in Kardinya. For more information visit www.northlake.wa.edu.au or call 9314 0444.