

Campus colleagues catch up

DISCUSSING plans for a United World College (UWC) campus at Paradise near Glenorchy are local promoter John Hilhorst (left) and New Zealand UWC chairman Tony Baldwin.

UWC, a charitable organisation which identifies and develops leaders, already has 12 colleges throughout the world, drawing students from 124 countries.

Hilhorst and Wellington-based Baldwin launched their plans at a function in Auckland last week addressed by founder patron Jim Bolger, a former NZ Prime Minister, and Health Minister David Cunliffe, a UWC alumnus.

Baldwin claims the college, due to open in September 2012 at a capital cost of \$50 million, "will establish Queenstown as one of the leading education and leadership centres in the world".

The college will offer a two-year pre-university residential programme for about 125 students a year, mostly aged 17-19.



College boys: John Hilhorst (left) and Tony Baldwin have plans for Glenorchy

The pair says 2012 is an appropriate opening date as it marks the 50th anniversary of both UWC International and local partner Outward Bound NZ.

Noted former South African president Nelson Mandela is UWC International's honorary president.

The local UWC trust has a memorandum of understanding to lease 35ha from the charitable Paradise Trust.

UWC's Queenstown launch is in February.

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