

Atari moves into the education marketplace at Mercy College



□ Phil Reeves from Paragon Computer with Mercy College computer teacher, Craig Valli.

ATARI dealers are making a move into the WA education marketplace.

Recently the company's education profile made a jump with the installation of 14 Atari computers at Mercy College in Koondoola.

The installation was carried out by Paragon Computers.

Manager of the dealership, Phil Reeves, said a lot of schools were now using Atari STs.

"The 68000 microprocessor-based ST system will run faster than any IBM system, but its great claim to fame is that it can emulate both IBM and Macintosh systems," said Mr Reeves.

"It can also emulate

the CPM operating system.

"This makes it ideal for the classroom, because students can see how a number of systems operate — all within the one computer.

"Altogether, Atari dealers in Perth would have installed about 15 such systems in private and government schools.

"Mercy College will be using the computers for

a range of applications, including CAD (computer aided design), maths, desktop publishing and word processing."

The Mercy College Atari computers are Atari 1040 STFM.

The computers consist of a 68000 microprocessor, 1Mb memory (Ram) expandable to 4Mb, built-in 3.5, 1Mb floppy disk drive, mouse with Gem software.