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Congratulations to all our international students on your achievements this year. You have worked diligently and consistently at your studies and I commend you for this. It is always pleasing to see so many students achieving to your expectations and beyond. You can be proud of your efforts and finish this academic year with the knowledge that you have prepared yourself well for what lies ahead in 2011 and beyond.

Western Australian Universities’ Foundation Program (WAUFP), Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) and Bridging programs (with the exception of the 15-Week Bridging program) will have concluded for the 2010 academic year by the time you receive this newsletter. Many students will have returned home to spend time with their families and friends over the summer vacation period, while waiting expectantly for their final WAUFP or WACE results.

Academic information from our 2010 Standard, April Start and Fast-Track WAUFP, and WACE courses indicates that students should perform well in their final examinations. Based upon their semester two trial examinations, most students should achieve the scores they need to gain entry into their chosen university program.

Many of our international students completed their study with us this year, and will move on to further tertiary programs, in Perth, wider Australia or, in some cases, other international locations. To you all, it has been an honour to have you with us at Tuart, and I thank you for the contributions you have made to the College.

A major benefit of international education is its capacity for all to learn from one another and for us to; gain the benefits your multicultural backgrounds bring to us, reflect upon different points of view or ways of considering aspects of our daily lives, mix with a range of people from different countries, experience the enrichment and enhancement your involvement in College activities brings to Tuart and enjoy your positive and friendly approach to our staff and other students at the College. Thank you for these contributions and the lasting impact they have upon the character of Tuart College.

Throughout the year, the focus has been on your academic development and achievement. I hope during this time you have also learnt and gained from your other experiences, and that these have; given you insight into a bigger world, broadened your understanding of this world, increased your appreciation for different things, strengthened your capacity and ability to cope, broadened your understanding of the opportunities available to you, helped you to grow intellectually, socially and emotionally, and fuelled your hunger for new challenges and opportunities.

On 27 October the College held its annual International Graduation Dinner; an important event to acknowledge the successes of our students and provide recognition to those who achieved well and received awards for their academic performance throughout the year. Special guests on the night included Dr Kevin McKenna, President of the Council of International Students of Western Australia, and Mr Brian Hughes, Chair of the Tuart College Advisory Board. Both provided valuable advice and insight to our students on the value and empowerment of education, and the importance of acknowledging our capabilities that are enhanced not only by perseverance, but also by our capacity to manage and plan our immediate and longer term responsibilities and aspirations.

The other highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of awards to the top students: Ms Julia Lim Kin Hoey, Mr Low Chuen Siang, Mr He Longsu, Ms Chris Ongazalima and Ms Wong Yee Ling.

Congratulations to all the award winners on your outstanding achievements, and to all involved in a very enjoyable and social evening.

May I wish all our graduating students the very best for your future and hope you achieve well in these endeavours. The College staff have expressed their delight in teaching you and will miss your greatly. Thank you to all College staff involved with the Tuart College International Program, teaching, non teaching and the International Students’ Office staff. Your contributions have been significant and appreciated.

My best wishes to all of our International students. I look forward to seeing those of you returning in 2011 to the College and hope you have an enjoyable, safe and rewarding summer vacation.

Leigh Cottrill
Principal

Educational Expo

The August Education Expo at Tuart College gave the students the opportunity to talk to representatives from Perth’s universities and TAFE colleges to find out more about programs they might study in 2011. Asking specific questions and looking closely at brochures enables the students to make better informed choices when they apply for their tertiary studies.
A C E R E M O N Y  W I T H  A  D I F F E R E N C E

The 2010 Valedictory Ceremony blended formality with frivolity to create an enjoyable conclusion to the academic year at Tuart College. Guest speakers congratulated all the students on their achievements throughout the year and encouraged them to take their Tuart experience with them in the future stages of their lives.

Top students in each subject were awarded certificates and prizes. International students received the prizes for Computer Science, Applied Information Technology, English as an Additional Language/Dialect, English Language & Australian Cultural Studies, Human Biological Science, and Accounting & Finance, and also received an Institute of Engineers Australia Outstanding Achievement Award and the Accounting Award from the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

The ceremony closed with a light-hearted musical tribute, featuring some of the staff and students, to the range of students who find success at Tuart College. All who attended the ceremony left with a smile on their face.

W A C E  P R O G R A M

1st Place
Ms Julia LIM Kin Hoey
Malaysia (Studylink)

2nd Place
Mr LOW Chuen Siang
Malaysia (Studylink)

W A U F P  P R O G R A M

1st Place
Mr HE Longsu
PR China (Shaun Yang)

2nd Place
Ms Chris Olivia
ONGZALIMA
Indonesia (Daisy Lim)

3rd Place
Ms WONG Yee Ling
East Malaysia (Dyna-Ed)

S U B J E C T  A W A R D  W I N N E R S

Ms CHEN Tianyi
Computer Science

Ms Bwalya KASITO
Applied Information Technology

Ms Ciwoni NG’OMBE
Applied Information Technology

Mr LOW Chuen Siang
English as an Additional Language Dialect/ Stage 3

Ms Julia LIM Kin Hoey
English as an Additional Language Dialect/ Stage 3

Mr HE Longsu
INSTITUTE of ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA, OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Ms FONG Kim Mei
English Language and Australian Cultural Studies

Accounting & Finance
INSTITUTE of CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AWARD for EXCELLENCE in ACCOUNTING
The atmosphere at the 2010 International Student Graduation Dinner was celebratory from start to finish. The students looked fabulous. They smiled and laughed and photographed each other, they listened to the wisdom and advice that was presented to them in the speeches, and they applauded each other’s successes when the presentations were made.

The Guest of Honour was Dr Kevin McKenna, President of the Council of International Students Western Australia. Dr McKenna spoke to his audience about the value of time and the importance of measuring our choices in terms of the time invested in them. He advised to make all experiences count.

Miss Bwalya Kasito spoke on behalf of the graduating students. She related some of the experiences they’d shared during the year and included some quotes that she had found inspirational, such as “A life lived in fear, is a life half lived” as she encouraged her listeners to continue to face challenges and live their lives to the full.

The evening ended with lots of dancing, lots of laughing – and even more photographs!!
As another great year of international education at Tuart College draws to an end, I would like to congratulate all of our students on their efforts during 2010. The fantastic achievements of our WAUFP and WACE students are highlighted elsewhere in this publication and I am sure their outstanding results will impress readers of this newsletter.

Prior to the recent examination period, our Year 12 students enjoyed their Graduation Ceremony held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Highlights of the evening included the heartfelt valediction given by graduating student Ms Bwalya Kasito, the motivating speech by our Guest of Honour, Dr Kevin McKenna, President of the Council for International Students of Western Australia, and the unforgettable dancing at the end of proceedings. I was particularly delighted by the great sense of unity that was shown by our students during the relaxed, social part of the evening. It was gratifying to see the students from a variety of nations “letting their hair down” and being able to enjoy their last formal get together before their exams commenced.

On a more formal note, I would like to remind all of our partners of a significant change in one of our programs for 2011 and beyond. The long-standing and highly regarded Western Australian Universities’ Foundation Program (WAUFP) will now be known as the Western Australian Universities’ Preparatory Program (WAUPP).

The change has retained this premier program in the Secondary Schools category and, as such, students applying for this program will do so under a visa subclass 571. The maintenance of this program and this classification has been approved by DEEWR and has particular importance as students will not require an IELTS score to enrol in the course.

It is important to note that a major reason for this classification is the alignment that the WAUPP has with the local Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). Students enrolled in both programs study the same academic subjects and are assessed in the same manner throughout the year. At the year’s end, WAUFP and WACE students sit different final examinations, both of which are under the control of an external examinations board. I would like to emphasize that success in the WAUPP will continue to give graduating students from Tuart College great flexibility in their pathways to a multitude of courses in a variety of universities Australia wide.

I am aware that the perception of Australia as a destination for international students has suffered in recent times due to a number of factors. Before signing off, I would like to reassure all our partners that as a government institution about to celebrate 25 years in the international education arena, Tuart College is committed to providing quality programs with excellent outcomes for all our students. I am hopeful that our long-term partners will continue to see the advantages that come from an education provided by Tuart College, and the benefits that are derived from studying in our beautiful and student-friendly city of Perth.

In conclusion, I would like to wish all the students, friends and associates of Tuart College the best for the coming holiday season.

Phillip Levitzke
ISO MANAGER

ORIENTATION IS A MUST!

The students who attended the orientation for the 15 Week Bridging Program were a happy and friendly group. They listened well, participated fully and enjoyed visiting some of Perth residents’ favourite places. The orientation helped the students to make friends and adapt to their new environment before their classes commenced. The Program’s main focus is developing English skills, which is occurring both in the classroom and during excursions.
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

In the April 2009 International Newsletter, Miss Yang Yang was the feature student of the ‘Where Are They Now?’ section. Yang has continued her excellent academic achievement, while also juggling part-time work and a busy social life. She has now completed her Civil Engineering degree at UWA, and has also won the Bursary Award from the Concrete Institute Australia. Two students from each university, including PhD students, competed for the prestigious award, which was given to Yang because of her presentation of her thesis on the durability of concrete on a nickel mine.

She had the difficult task of deciding which of three full-time work offers she would select – and has chosen Lycopodium Engineering. She is willing to work in remote areas and overseas, and thinks that this will be a great way to see Australia and the world.

Tuart College is proud to have been a part of Yang’s positive Western Australian experience and wishes her every success in the future.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Since July we have had a number of groups of agents and principals and ‘study tour’ students come to the College. Some have been large groups and some have been relatively small, but all have enthusiastically learned about the College’s programs and facilities and all have enjoyed meeting some of the College’s staff and international students. We thank all of our visitors for their time and support.
CITY TO SURF

A record number of international students from Tuart College volunteered to assist at the annual City to Surf event. Even though they had to get up early on a cool August morning, the students really enjoyed doing something different and out-of-the-ordinary. Thanks must go to Sandy Taylor, from the ESL Department, for again motivating and organising the students so that they could participate in the event.