Tuart College Celebrates 25 years

Founded in 1982, Tuart College this year celebrates 25 years of providing quality adult education.

In 1982 the College shared the campus with the last of the Tuart Hill High School students who this year commemorate 50 years since the school was established.

Founding College staff included a number from the Leederville TAFE and some of the high school staff. Some of the original staff who are still at the college are pictured here.

Tuart College was an initiative by the Education Department to establish two institutions dedicated to the educational needs of mature-age and post-compulsory aged students. Our sister College is Canning which primarily caters for the needs of students from south of the river.

The main focus of courses are those leading to tertiary entrance at TAFE and the universities. However a number of short courses in personal development, computing and languages complement the full-time academic courses.

An International Students program started in 1986 and is now celebrating 20 years of operating. Students from S-E Asia, China, Africa and elsewhere form a significant population in the College.

To the many thousands of our graduates who have gone on to complete higher degrees, we send our greetings. Please let us know what you are now doing.

The charts above show the destinations and courses entered by graduates from the 2006 Year 12 courses. Many of the students were from the International Foundation year program.

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New Vice Principal Appointed

With the retirement last year of Vice Principal Ashley Joyce, a new appointee has taken up the position from the commencement of this year. He is Ian Hanger who comes to us with a wealth of senior college experience, having been a Deputy Principal for more than 20 years at Canning College.

Ian has been an important contributor to the senior colleges development through his role at Canning as D/P Curriculum. He has marketed the Colleges overseas particularly in Indonesia.

A farewell was given to Ashley Joyce at the end of last year in which his many years at both Canning and Tuart Colleges was recognised. Ashley went out of his way to support the staff with his caring and conciliatory manner and with his cheerful disposition carried many people through personal difficulties.

New Counsellor Appointed

Long serving Counsellor Leslie Phillips retired at the end of last year. After 22 years at Tuart, Les has had a personal input into the educational needs of many thousands of students. He can recount many stories of successful graduates who have gone on to law, medicine, psychology, engineering, education and other professions.

Newly appointed Counsellor is Carla Bormolini who has been working part-time at the College for nearly 2 years. Carla has extensive experience as a school psychologist in secondary schools. Carla and Les are currently job-sharing.

Thousands of Dollars Spent on College Upgrades

More than half a million dollars is being spent on College buildings and facilities to bring them up to a standards suitable for adult students.

Exterior buildings have had major exterior refits and painting. The library has been recarpeted and new fixtures and furnishings have been installed. The gymnasium which is also used for internal and external examinations has been air-conditioned and the weights room has been improved.

Many of the classrooms have had interactive whiteboards installed as well as multimedia projectors. Some of these were funded by Federal grants through the “Improving Our Schools” program.

Conversation Club Gets People Talking

The ever-growing Conversation Club matches local students with those whose first language is not English for an opportunity to practice their language skills. Meeting at regular lunch or coffee times, it is an opportunity for ESL students to better understand local customs and dialogue and for local students to better understand and appreciate the customs of students from other cultures. Yousef, a student from Afghanistan, says the best thing about the Club is to hear the different sounds of people talking in English. Frances says she feels so lucky to be in this country and we shouldn’t take our lifestyle and opportunities for granted.

Conversation Club members celebrated recently after their first year of happy relationships.

International Students’ Manager Moves On

After 4 years as Manager in the International Students Office, David Hults has been appointed Deputy Principal of an international college in Kuching, East Malaysia.

In his time here David has specialised in marketing the College to China and has seen a growth in the numbers of students coming from that country.

David was integrally involved in the extensions to the International Students’ office suite.

David has always made time for the needs of the international students and has taken an active interest in strategies to improve marks.

He has, during his appointment hosted a number of overseas marketing personnel.

Pictured here is David and his staff who wish him well in his new appointment.

Keys to Confidence

Looking around the room it was hard to imagine any of the students crippled by a lack of self-confidence. The diverse group included a DJ, a mine worker, a student, a retiree, a journalist, a scientist and several busy mothers planning to return to work or volunteering.

As a participant in the Keys to Confidence - You Are What You Think course, journalist Eloise Dorch said she marvelled at how students one by one had a somewhat “Eureka moment” when they confronted and questioned their beliefs and failings.

Facilitator Christine Richardson said that people from all walks of life in all kinds of situations can suffer the debilitating effects of self-doubts.

For $50 this short course runs two hours a week for 10 weeks and is offered three times a year at Tuart College.

SEMESTER 2 ENROLMENTS

Semester 2 commences 23 July 2007

Subjects available in the Flying Start Program are at certificate levels 1, 2 or 3. Full-time English as a Second Language courses are also available. To enter these, applicants must undertake a placement test.

Enrolments for Flying Start subjects commence early July 2007

To arrange an Enrolment Appointment Telephone the College late June on 9444 9377

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