New Principal Appointed

From the commencement of Term 2, Leigh Cottrill has been appointed as Principal of Tuart College.

Leigh has a 25 year career in education with various appointments and senior positions in both rural and urban locations. Most recently he was the founding Principal of the Ellenbrook Secondary College, establishing a large comprehensive educational facility which features innovative educational partnerships with industry, local Government and service providers, specialist Arts programs, a focus on academic excellence and comprehensive student support and staff development programs.

Leigh looks forward to working with the Tuart community and continuing the development of the College as it responds to the changing educational landscape, while continuing to provide outstanding educational opportunities for our international and local students.

Principal
John Anderton Retires

After 25 years on the staff and 12 years as Principal, John Anderton retired from Tuart College at the end of Term 1.

A large number of past and present staff as well as special guests said farewell to John at a retirement function in the College. John was commended for his devotion to education which was exemplified by him being awarded Principal of the Year in 2008.

Leigh Cottrill, Principal
Mal Hewson Hits the Road

Having been on the College staff since its inception in 1982, Mal Hewson has retired in early Term 2.

Prior to that he was a geography teacher and senior master at the former Tuart Hill Senior High School. Having spent more than half his teaching life at Tuart, Mal has made a significant contribution to the College’s development and programs. He remembers the early days of the College when there were 12 geography classes. Mal puts his interest in geography into practice in his leisure time when he and his wife Louise love nothing better than to travel Australia and the world viewing a variety of landscapes.

Fay Bruce takes time for her Grandchildren

Fay Bruce who has been at Tuart College for 18 years and as Library Co-ordinator for the past 13 years was another of the senior staff retiring this year at the end of Term 1.

In her time Fay saw significant expansions to the Library with a doubling of the size of the building. Now known as the Library Resource Centre, this reflects important innovations, with a six-fold increase in technology resources and this year the implementation of a Learning Centre area.

Award Winning Student Praises Tuart College

Year 12 student Daniel Bourke won the top student award for Chemistry last year and was awarded Dux of the College for his overall high performance.

Daniel said he found the library very helpful with lots of resources. He said the teachers were very supportive and wanted the best for him. Daniel found that Tuart College had a friendly atmosphere that provided a good learning environment.

Congratulations Daniel Bourke who is now studying engineering at the UWA

Fay is farewelled at a staff function at the end of Term 1 with daughter Diana who also works at Tuart College.

Dr Norm Hoffman takes a Back Seat

Dr Hoffman has made a valuable contribution to the College as a member and chairman of the Advisory Board.

As one of the founding members of the Board, he has spent 15 years in that capacity before his retirement at the end of Term 1. With a life-long experience in education and as a past Deputy Director-General of Education, Dr Hoffman’s suggestions were always received with great respect. The new Chairman of the Tuart College Advisory Board is Mr Bryan Hughes from the Commonwealth Bank.
New Courses

WACE Courses
A total of 34 Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) Courses were offered at the beginning of this year. This was the first year of full implementation of the WACE program with TEE subjects no longer available. Students selected from the full range of Courses at both Stages 2 and 3. The Stage 2 Courses have proven to be most suitable for students who have not a strong year 11 background.

April Start Program
Nine WACE Courses have commenced in the April Start program. In this program students complete the equivalent of three terms work in two terms, sitting the normal WACE final exams in November. Aimed as a catch-up opportunity for students who either got off to a poor start from the beginning of the year or who had since changed their goals for further studies, the program has a history of successful graduates.

Curtin Enabling Course
The College has negotiated with the Curtin University to conduct a limited range of subjects in their Engineering Enabling program. This allows students without the required prerequisite subjects to study them here for a year with the aim of being offered a place in the engineering degree in the following year. The University selects and funds the students for these subjects which are taught by Tuart College lecturers.

Certificate IV Course
The College has applied for approval to offer a range of subjects at Certificate IV level. It is planned that this Certificate will be completed in one semester and that successful completion will be accepted for university entrance at selected universities. Final details are not available at this time but it is hoped to commence the course in Semester 2.

Semester 2 Enrolments

Semester 2 commences 19 July 2010

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 2010.

To arrange an Enrolment Appointment Telephone the College late June on 9242 6222

Tuart Female Student Joins the Ranks

Claire Fletcher receives her ADF Long Tan Leadership Award from Principal John Anderton

Tuart student Claire Fletcher is the only female in the W.A. contingent of 19 young recruits to join the ADF Academy.

Claire was well aware she was entering a very male dominated field but had no worries about jumping into her studies at the Canberra Academy before joining the Royal Australian Air Force. Officer Cadet Fletcher was home schooled to year 10 from her home in Mt Barker, before studying high level maths and science for two years at Tuart College.

Warm Welcome to New Students

New students received a warm introduction to the College with a Welcome Day morning tea early in the year.

Successful past student Penny Bond addressed the newcomers and stressed the opportunities available at the College, particularly for women.
Storm Damage

Along with a large part of Perth metropolitan area, the big storm on 22 March hit the College with fury.

A total of 165 of the windows on the north side were broken with water damage to many of the rooms and equipment.

The library skylights were smashed by the hail, resulting in massive flooding into the ceiling which collapsed and poured a huge pool of water onto the floor.

Water flooded the Student Services Centre floor.

Most students had left the College by the time the storm struck but all of the cars in the staff car park were badly hail damaged.

Classes were cancelled for the week as Cleaner in Charge, Graham Woodward and his staff and other tradesmen repaired the damage in what could be seen as record time to have the College fully operational by the end of the week.

2009 College Graduates Destinations

This graph shows the spread of institutions which Tuart College graduates entered in 2010. It includes some 65 international students who studied the Western Australian Foundation program and who were accepted by universities from around Australia and from overseas.

Where to find Tuart College

TUART COLLEGE
Banksia Street, Tuart Hill WA
Phone: 9242 6222
Fax: 9444 8538
Email address: tuart@tuartcollege.wa.edu.au

A Senior College of the Department of Education