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The College welcomed about 80 new international students this year. They joined 70 other students from overseas who were continuing the programs they commenced in the College in 2003. All the international students who entered the College this year have settled in well and the returning international students have settled back comfortably into life in Perth. The College’s International Student Office (ISO) must be given a large amount of credit for this because of the excellent orientation programs, on-going pastoral care and advice and support the staff provide to students and their parents. I am delighted to report that the Colleges’ 2004 international students are a happy, hard-working group who should have great success in attaining their educational goals.

All international students received their interim reports at the end of Term 1. These reports brought good news for the majority of the group, and the ISO staff have moved quickly to assist any students who are struggling with any aspect of their studies. This support has helped most of the students who had been experiencing difficulties to overcome their problems. The constant monitoring of student performance and the high level of professional advice and support provided by all areas of the College are of an extremely high calibre and help students achieve excellent results. It is one of the characteristics for which the College is well known and well respected.

The performance of the 2003 international students in the Foundation and TEE programs was of a high standard, indeed it was even better than the good results of the 2002 group. The international students performed above the State average in all subjects. The staff were delighted with the performance of the 2003 group and are looking for at least as good results from this year’s Foundation and TEE students.

The College has continued to improve the teaching/learning environment for students so that they have every opportunity to achieve the best possible results. The development of the student-web, better student access to the student-web and increased use of information communications technology (ICT) in the classroom are particular examples of the practical developments of the College’s teaching/learning environment which helps students to maximise their potential and undertake their studies under the best possible conditions.

I hope that all the College’s 2004 international students have a successful, interesting and enjoyable year, and that they achieve the results which will allow them to gain entry to the tertiary education program of their choice.

John Anderton
Principal
Six Tuart College students gained the top score in eight of the twelve Foundation subjects in 2003! Their details are printed in the table below.

John Kinyanjui, Mutsa Tumbare, Wong Yu Jhyn and Gong Yi Fei were not only the best students in individual Foundation subjects, but were also the top four Foundation students at Tuart College and were in the top 5% of all Foundation students in 2003. Nkumbu Naching and Vivien M.A.Nathan achieved recognition in topping two other Foundation subjects. Another four students, Yeap Poh Hon, Mmamulatelo Siame, Brent Bush and Tiang Wang Hui, also earned a Combined Percentage Score in the top 5% of all Foundation students for 2003.

Most of Tuart’s Year 12 international students chose the Foundation program that was created exclusively for international students. As in previous years, there were some exceptionally pleasing results from a group of talented students.

In the TEE program, only six international students enrolled, competing directly with local students for university entry. Because of this only the top international TEE student has been acknowledged in the following list. Stuart Molloy competed extremely well and received a very competitive score.

Our congratulations are extended to all of the 2003 graduates.

**TOP STUDENTS**

**Top TEE Students**

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<th>Student Name</th>
<th>Country</th>
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<td>Mr Stuart Molloy</td>
<td>UK</td>
<td>98.95</td>
<td>UWA - Arts</td>
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<td>Mr John Kinyanjui</td>
<td>Kenya</td>
<td>93.1</td>
<td>UWA - Medicine</td>
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<td>Ms Mutsa Tumbare</td>
<td>Zimbabwe</td>
<td>91.9</td>
<td>Murdoch - Journalism</td>
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<td>Mr Wong Yu Jhyn</td>
<td>Malaysia</td>
<td>91.7</td>
<td>UWA - Commerce/Engineering</td>
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<td>Ms Gong Yi Fei</td>
<td>PRC</td>
<td>90.1</td>
<td>UWA - Accounting</td>
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<td>Mr Yeap Poh Hon</td>
<td>Malaysia</td>
<td>89.7</td>
<td>KL - Pharmacy</td>
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<td>Ms Mmamulatelo Siame</td>
<td>Zambia</td>
<td>89.2</td>
<td>deferred university study</td>
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<td>Mr Brent Bush</td>
<td>UK</td>
<td>88.4</td>
<td>not for publication</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ms Tiang Wang Hui</td>
<td>Malaysia</td>
<td>87.7</td>
<td>Tasmania - Nursing</td>
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<td>Mr Demosthenes Bessios</td>
<td>Kenya</td>
<td>87.5</td>
<td>Curtin - Chem Engineering</td>
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<td>Mr Heemal Patel</td>
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**Top Individual Foundation Subject Winners from Tuart College**

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<td>Calculus</td>
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<td>Applicable Mathematics</td>
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<td>Mr Wong Yu Jhyn</td>
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<td>Chemistry</td>
<td>Ms Nkumbu Naching</td>
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<td>Physics (equal top)</td>
<td>Ms Mutsa Tumbare</td>
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<td>Economics</td>
<td>Ms Vivien M A Nathan</td>
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<td>Human Biology</td>
<td>Heemal Patel</td>
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<td>History</td>
<td>Nkumbu Nachinga</td>
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<td>Vivien MA Nathan</td>
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The benefits of attending orientation cannot be overstated! Not only does orientation provide new students with some time to begin to become familiar with their new city and their new college, it also provides them with the opportunity to open bank accounts, learn about the transport system in Perth, gain more information about their chosen course of study and the teaching styles used at Tuart College - and to make new friends.

This means that when classes start, the orientation students already have some confidence in facing their new situation. They have a timetable, they have some idea of what to expect in classes and what the delivery of lessons will be like, they know where their classes are - and they know some of the faces (and personalities) that surround them. This makes being a student so much easier.

January orientation provided all these things - and more - for those who attended.

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David’s Thoughts

The 2003 International students were an outstanding group. With the completion of examinations and the return of their examination results, we were able to judge just how successful they were.

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Looking to 2004, we have welcomed an excellent group of new students into the College. Tuart’s international programs currently have 127 students representing 16 countries including: Brunei, China, Germany, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Switzerland, Tanzania, Taiwan, Vietnam, and Zambia. By the end of the year, following our July and October intake, we should see that number increase to about 160.

We see the ratio of international students to local students to be a vital part of the success of our programs. I am very aware that many schools and colleges have a far greater number of students from overseas but that means less chance to mix with Australian students and the benefit that brings. We take pride in the fact that our international students can work closely alongside our local students with few exceptions. One obvious benefit is the improvement of English and a better understanding of Australian culture. It also provides a wonderful opportunity to make friends and form the basis of future networks.

A great strength of our ISO is the high level of care provided to our students. We work to create an adult learning environment. But Tuart is also able to provide a nurturing and supportive environment for our students. We recognize that we need to provide our international students with advice and assistance to maximize their achievement while they are attending the College. We are keen to be sure that any problems - big or small - do not distract our students from the main purpose of being here.

At the more mundane level, we are working to improve our data systems and have just updated our fax machine with a dedicated line to the ISO. Our new fax is: +618-9444-0913.

In closing, I wish to remind all readers that the International Student Office staff are dedicated to working closely with our students. They are always an inspiring group! Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can assist in any way.

Dave Hults
ISO Manager

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15 Week ECAAS Graduation

The 15 Week ECAAS program that began in October 2003, concluded in January 2004 just before the 2004 academic year began in earnest. The students were a wonderful group who attended well and participated enthusiastically in all of their lessons, impressing their teachers greatly. A small, informal ceremony and an afternoon tea marked the completion of this group’s introductory studies at Tuart College.
Thanks from last year’s students

"This has been the best year of my life! You guys made that happen. I’ll really miss you.”
Heemal Patel (Zambia) now at Curtin University

"Missing Perth LoTS! What I miss the most about Perth is the fact that there is so much variety in people. You get people from all over and it makes it so interesting."
Charu Kumar (Malaysia) now in KL studying medicine.

"I really miss Tuart College and the wonderful time I had there. I will definitely come to Tuart one day and visit everyone.”
Aruj Datta (Indonesia) now at Monash, Melbourne

"For me, studying at Tuart was an enjoyable and character building experience.”
Mutsa Tumbare (Zimbabwe) now at Murdoch, Perth

"I’m glad that I had my year in Perth as it has made me think about my future and has shown me about myself. I thank you for that!"
Darren Mills (UK) now at MIBT, Melbourne

"Studying at Tuart was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. It was a pleasure studying in this outstanding college.”
Dinh Tan Vu (Vietnam) now at UWA, Perth

Contributions from Kelvin

Many of the students take lots of photos while they are in Perth and studying at the College. Some of the students are even prepared to share their photos with the ISO. These photos are just a few of the many that Yung Ka Wei (Kelvin) has given us.
In 2004, we’ve already had lots of students from past years drop by to say hello - and some of the students have been from many years back. Unfortunately, we’ve not always had the camera at hand and so many of the visits have gone unrecorded but not unremembered!

We did have the camera available when Mrs Wee Soh Har from MMS Kuching was in Perth and also when Professor and Mrs Loekito visited from IDP Surabaya.

We invite all of our agents, parents and friends to come and visit whenever they can.

John Anderton welcomed Professor and Mrs Loekito to the College.

Mrs Wee Soh Har met with MMS students and ISO staff when she visited in March.

A POSTCARD FROM PERTH!