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**Tuart’s Top 2004 Student**

Dominic Sinagra has a TER of 99.8 which enabled him to be accepted into Medicine at UWA. In addition to his high TER, Dominic gained awards in the College for being the top scoring student in Human Biology, Economics and Discrete Maths.

Dominic’s mother is Dr Moira Summers who practices at the Dunedin Street Medical Clinic and treats many of our local and international students. She has high praise for the excellent teaching at Tuart College which enabled her son to do so well.

**Another Tuart Artist Discovered**

Jay Keenan was awarded top student in TEE Art in 2004. This self-portrait includes memory images of his brother and father. As with the winner from 2003, Jay had shown little previous interest or flair for portraits in which he excelled under the tutelage of art lecturer Lorelee Gobetti. The College has added this piece of work to its collection.

In addition to the success of these repeating students, 92 students scored in the top decile of all year 12 students in the State. (i.e. A TER equivalent to 90+)

**Tuart Repeating Students Improve TER Score by an Average 15 Points**

**Margaret’s Springboard to Success**

Margaret Robinson recently visited the College and spoke about her recent graduation from Murdoch University with a History major.

After having a successful managerial career with Tesco in the UK, Margaret emigrated to Australia and, within two days of her arrival, commenced the TEE program at Tuart.

Margaret spoke with Joy Boothman about the invaluable assistance she gained from the Returning to Learning support classes, remembering particularly the advice to clear away negative thoughts and to be willing to take risks.

Margaret now lectures in the Business Department at TAFE drawing on her experience in retailing in the UK.

A wide mixture of students of different ages, nationalities and religious affiliations attended the 2005 Welcome Day ceremony. A record crowd enjoyed the humorous welcome speech by last year’s student, James McKibbin, who emphasised the way to success is by making studies a priority over parties and weekend drinking sessions.

James and his partner are to be congratulated for their successful enrolment into Chiropractic in a New Zealand university.