A
other successful academic year will have been completed by the time you receive this newsletter. The WAUFP, TEE and Bridging students, except for those in the 15-week Bridging program, will have completed their studies and in most cases returned home to be with their families and friends over the Christmas/New Year period.

The College will be closed for about two weeks over the Christmas/New Year period to allow a short break for the International Student Office (ISO) staff, the clerical staff and Management. It will also give the hard-working 15-week Bridging students some vacation time before they recommence their studies in early January 2009.

The academic progress and performance of the 2008 Standard and Fast-Track WAUFP students and the few students studying Year 12 TEE indicates that they should perform well in their final examinations in November. Based on their Semester 2 trial examinations, most students should be looking forward to achieving the scores they need to gain entry to their chosen university program in their university of first choice.

The College had a wonderful Valedictory Ceremony on 31 October to conclude the Year 12 teaching program. The international students were well represented at this event, winning five subject awards. The following international students received awards: Sarah Jane Rajandran for Information Systems, Rizwan Hussain for ELACS and Chemistry, Li Rui for Calculus and Onn Wan Sing for Human Biology. In addition two international students, Rizwan Hussain and Lee Pei Ying, received awards from Engineers Australia Western Australia Division for gaining an average of 75% or better in Applicable Mathematics, Calculus, Chemistry and Physics.

The International Graduation Dinner was its usual success with the international students dressing up to make it a spectacular event. The top student in the WAUFP was Rizwan Hussain and he is to be congratulated on his outstanding results. He also provided a delightful student address, wearing national Malaysian dress.

Three other highlights of the evening were the presentation by Tuart College Board member Professor Jane Long from The Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Western Australia, the presence of Mrs Nguyen Kim Hoang the Deputy Principal of the College’s sister school Nguyen Dinh Chieu High School in My Tho, Vietnam, and the staff and students who danced happily and enthusiastically until midnight.

The staff of the College is sad to farewell the 2008 WAUFP and TEE students but knows they will continue their academic success as they begin their university studies in 2009. It has been a pleasure to have them study in the College. These were delightful young men and women.

The College is also looking forward to the return of the 2008 Bridging students to start their WAUFP or TEE studies in February next year.

I would like to wish everyone involved with the College best wishes for 2009.

John Anderton
Principal

>> FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

>> PERTH EDUCATION CITY AWARDS

The contribution that international students make to education in Perth was acknowledged and celebrated at the inaugural Perth Education City Awards event. Institutions across a range of education sectors were invited to nominate their top student to attend the function held at the Western Australian Museum. Mr Rizwan Hussain was the Tuart College nominee. Rizwan was supported by his invited guests, Miss Sharene Chong and Miss Loshini Vijayakumar, and also Tuart College staff members, including the Vice Principal, Mr Ian Hanger, and the ISO Manager, Mr Phillip Levitzke. All nominees received an award and all who attended the evening found it really enjoyable.
Friday 31 October was a memorable day on the Tuart College calendar for all of the Year 12 students as it was their last day at College before the final, external examinations and also because their achievements were celebrated at two College functions – the Valedictory Ceremony and the International Student Graduation Dinner.

The Valedictory Ceremony was held in the College gymnasium and acknowledged the successes of both local and international students who were either the best in a specific subject or were outstanding achievers across a number of subjects. International students were the top performers in Information Systems, English Language & Australian Cultural Studies, Calculus, Chemistry and Human Biology, and were also given awards from the Institute of Engineers, Australia.

The Graduation Dinner marked the achievements of all international students. Many students worked consistently throughout the year and achieved excellent results – but only five were given commemorative trophies for being the most successful in English and three other academic subjects.

The 2008 graduating students were a delightful group of young people. Some had studied at Tuart just in 2008, while others had been a part of the College community for six to fifteen months longer. Regardless of when they arrived at Tuart, they have all made their contributions to College life and have all formed friendships that have supported and encouraged them throughout their time here.

The Tuart College staff wishes them every success for the future.

## TEE PROGRAM

### 1st Place
Mr Jonathan LIM Tian Cherng
West Malaysia (IDP)

## FOUNDATION PROGRAM

### 1st Place
Mr Muhammad Rizwan Bin Hussain Ahamed
West Malaysia (Studylink)

### 2nd Place
Miss Lee Pei Ying
East Malaysia (MMS)

### 3rd Place (Equal)
Mr Li Rui
PR China (Lily Kalisch)

### 3rd Place (Equal)
Miss Onn Wan Sing
Brunei (James Hon)

### 5th Place
Miss Sharene Chong Min Li
West Malaysia (JMECC)

## SUBJECT AWARD WINNERS

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## INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA, OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mr Muhammad Rizwan Bin Hussain Ahamed
Miss Lee Pei Ying
Graduation Dinner was at a different venue and had a slightly different format, but it still provided the same up-beat atmosphere and celebration of friendship that it always does. The students all looked fabulous and all shared in each others’ successes and achievements.

The Guest of Honour was UWA Associate Professor Jane Long. She gave the audience an insight into her own graduation from secondary school some 30 years ago which, in some ways, was not so different to what happens now. Jane also spoke of things she’s learned throughout her life since then. She encouraged the students to at least peak around an open door rather than walk straight past it, and also to value their families and friends.

The value of friendship was also a theme in the speech given by Rizwan Hussain, the 2008 International Student Valedictorian. As well as thanking the staff for their support and encouragement throughout the year, Rizwan commented that the students had been brothers and sisters to each other, being there for each other whenever they were needed.

Not only was Rizwan the valedictorian, he was also the top international student for the year. This meant that he received a crystal trophy (as did the other acknowledged top students) and also a cheque presented by Mr Bryan Hughes on behalf of the Commonwealth Bank.

After the formalities of speeches and eating and the giving of certificates and awards, there was a new addition to the program – dancing! A DJ played music which the staff may not have been familiar with, but which the students certainly were! The dancing provided some extra fun at the end of an evening which had clearly shown the friendships that had been formed throughout the year!
FRIENDSHIP WAS IN THE AIR
GRADUATION

December 2008
The end of the academic year brings with it a period of intense activity for both the students and staff of the Tuart College International Student Office.

Our annual graduation dinner was held at the Hyatt Hotel on the evening of Friday, 31st of October. Whilst much of the night was given over to the acknowledgement of academic excellence by an elite group of students, we were also able to applaud the efforts of every student present when they received their certificates of completion for 2008. During this part of the evening, I was impressed with the way all the students became involved in the occasion and cheered for each certificate recipient. We have been blessed with a highly cooperative group of students this year who have developed great life skills during their stay at Tuart College. In a departure from previous years the night ended with an enthusiastic group taking to the dance floor to bring a fantastic evening to its conclusion.

The end of the year also brings with it a period of planning for next year. At this time we are providing advice to our current Year 11 students about their subject selection for 2009. This process has made me reflect on characteristics which are possessed by our very successful students. In most cases, these students have a clear idea of their goals and their academic strengths match their goals.

When students are choosing subjects for their Year 12 program, we advise them to select subjects with which they have had experience and success in their country of origin. It is very difficult for students to master a new subject, particularly if it is being taught in a language which is not their native tongue.

Students must also choose subjects which are required for the university course to which they aspire. At times, this is the point at which problems may occur, as students may not have sufficient academic background to allow them to select the required subjects for university entrance. I would urge all students and their parents to think very carefully about this process of subject selection. It is very important that the subjects that students select for their Year 12 studies match their abilities and skills. Please be assured that our counselling staff will make every effort to ensure that students make the best decisions for their future.

In closing, I would like to extend thanks to my colleagues from the International Student Office of Tuart College for all their efforts this year. They have done an outstanding job in providing an array of services to our student group. I would also like to express my thanks to the parents and education agents of our students for their support throughout the year.

As we move towards the holiday season, my best wishes go to all the friends and associates of Tuart College. My special wishes of good luck also go to those students who will be leaving Tuart College to begin the next phase in their lives. To those students who will be returning in 2009, I urge you to have a fantastic break from your studies so that you can come back next year with renewed purpose and a hunger for learning.

Phil Levitzke
ISO Manager

IT’S ALWAYS GREAT TO MEET THE AGENTS

Tuart has had the pleasure of hosting a number of visits from international agents in the last few months, including a group from the Middle East, a group from Vietnam, and a mixed group from such countries as Malaysia, Japan, China and Reunion Island. One of the best things about having agents come to visit is that they have the opportunity to view first-hand the excellent facilities that the College provides for its students. Such visits also provide personal contact between the agents and College personnel who travel to overseas markets and, of course, the ISO staff with whom the agents deal when assisting their students to enrol at Tuart College. The ISO staff, in particular, really appreciate meeting agents so that we can better support them in their work.
A small group of students from Malaysia, Indonesia, China, Vietnam and Reunion have formed this year’s 15 Week Bridging class. Most were able to attend the October orientation and were able to begin establishing the friendship groups and support networks that will assist them in their studies at Tuart College. The Orientation took them to Caversham Wildlife Park and the Perth Zoo among other places and also gave them information about their new course at Tuart College and what studies it will lead to in 2009. Since orientation, they have been studying lots of English, and some Mathematics, Physical Science, Business Studies and Computing with the main aim to develop their English both academically and for communication purposes so that their future studies will be successful.

English Language & Australian Cultural Studies (ELACS) is the compulsory English subject which the WAUFP students study to demonstrate their literacy for university – but it’s not just about reading and writing. Amelia James, one of the 2008 WAUFP students, was in a very multi-cultural ELACS class, as the photo shows. Her reflections are printed here.

“Being an international student, the most important thing is to have a helping hand in class, in library – in school in general – to provide coping methods for subject studies or other matters – and believe me, there are plenty at times.

From the start, our ELACS teacher, Judy Smith, was the most wonderful teacher, ever. She accompanied us through a wonderful year, or, as one of her French students would say, “Magnifique!” It may sound a bit weird that eight hours of English class every week is fun, but we have learnt so many things together as classmates and friends with our unconditional loving ‘mother’ who guided us well. It was love that made the class go round. Movies, documentaries, group discussions, listening practices, English oral presentations (scary, I know), birthday bashes and balloons were all part of our year in ELACS.

The most memorable birthday and the first celebrated in our class, was for my friend, Nguyen Diep. We bought her a birthday cake and what added to the memorable day was that another ELACS teacher, Sandy, joined the event. We are sure that any passer-by would have taken a second look into the class because there was so much laughter, giggling, talking and joking coming from the room.

Our class also met at the movies one evening to watch Dark Knight. We will never forget walking down the chilly pavement, crossing the road and surrounding Judy, trying to take turns to talk to her.

Our last class gathering was also made special for us by Judy. She cooked rice and prepared a chicken dish, strawberries and honey dews. There was also home-made chocolate cake specially baked by Laurent and me.

Still, with all the activities going on, we never neglected our class work and tried to complete all the exercises and practices given out. I think the most crucial part of an ‘ecosystem’ in class is always, and has always been, the interaction between teacher and students. The thing that mattered the most was that Judy talked directly to each and every one of us in order to help us achieve a better mark. Exam papers were discussed thoroughly, listening practices were frequent and, most importantly, all the questions asked by students were given knowledgeable answers and interesting remarks. I know this is how most of us improved in our English.

To all teachers of Tuart College, there is nothing more appropriate to say here but thank you, thank you for all your teachings and thank you for your patience that got us this far.”

Amelia James
Participation in the annual City to Surf event has become a Tuart College tradition. Sandy Taylor, one of the College’s ESL teachers organised an enthusiastic band of volunteers to assist on the day. The students worked in the city before the race started. They manned the clothing collection stall (where runners could leave their warmer clothes to be delivered for their collection at the finish line). It was an early start for the volunteers – but no-one seemed to mind.

Judy Smith, the Head of the ESL Department, organised the participants. Twelve Tuart students, staff and friends completed the 12 kilometre distance from Perth city to City Beach. Some ran, some walked, some did both! They were among a record number of 37,000 participants who helped raise money for the ACTIV Foundation.

‘Team Tuart’ once again made a valuable contribution to a worthwhile cause – and had lots of fun as well!