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Opening Ceremony of the new Front Entry to the College

On 12th August 2009 the Minister of Education Hon Elizabeth Constable MLA attended an opening ceremony for the new entry for the college.

The impressive entry completes a redesign of the Student Services Centre and landscaping at the front of the college. The Minister also unveiled the new plaques, one plaque was the reworked words on the original foundation stone originally found on the south wall of the college. The old limestone foundation stone had fretted with time and the Deputy Principal Services Mr James Kent had a replica constructed to be included in the wall of the new entry and together with a college map and other information it provides visitors with an obvious direction to follow when visiting the college.

Besides the Minister a number of guests attended including Ms Rose Moroz (Director Innovation and Reform), Mr Jim Webb (District Director), Dr Norm Hoffman (Chairman of the Advisory Board) and members of the Advisory Board, staff and students. Ms Moroz formally planted a Tuart tree as part of the front landscaping to represent Tuart trees that have been cleared from the Tuart Hill area over time.

After the opening ceremony guests, staff and students attended the College Refectory where the Adult Learners Week Awards were presented. Awards were presented to students by the Minister for Education.

After the presentation guests, staff and students enjoyed a celebratory morning tea.
Adult Learners Week Awards

On Wednesday 12 August College students attended a brief ceremony in the Refectory where The Minister for Education presented certificates to the winners. Staff and students nominated students.

After the ceremony students joined with the Minister Hon Elizabeth Constable MLA for morning tea.

Michael Thomas with Student Support Officer Stacey Murphy. Michael won the WACE Year 12 award. Stacey is a long serving staff member who now works in Student Support.

Stacey Murphy introduced the nominated students to the assembled students and guests. Staff and students had nominated about 24 students for adult learners awards based on criteria such as life balance, positive attitude to learning, support for other learners, active participation in college activities and pursuit of academic excellence.

The Minister for Education spoke positively about the work done in the college and presented awards to Beverly Norman, Michael Thomas and Janice Heydon.

Certificates of Excellence were also presented to Workplace Learning student Cassandra Jennings and International Student Mr Varun Agarwal.

Flying Start Enrolments Strong

Students who completed Semester One Flying Start were given opportunity to re-enrol into Semester Two.

The Flying Start course allows students to complete a Certificate of General Education for Adults (CGEA) as well as to upgrade skills in a variety of subjects such as English or Mathematics. In Semester One 143 students received a Statement of Attainment and 12 students received CGEA certificates at Level 1, 2 or 3.

Karen Ghockson said that Laura Perks completed her Certificate 3 in the CGEA and Florence Dominic is returning to continue Certificate 3. Linda Casella has enrolled in Health Science at TAFE.

Jacki Caldwell nominated for award

Tuart College students from the 2008 survey nominated Jacki Caldwell as a candidate for Teacher of the Year Award.

For the WA Education Awards 2009 Jacki has been nominated for the Premier’s Teacher of the year Award. This is in recognition of Jacki’s contribution to students over a number of years but in particular her creative use of elearning technology to assist students whose first language is not English. Many Teachers at the college were suggested by students and in 2008 nominations were for teachers Kim Holland, Sandy Taylor and Vicky Fletcher. The Principal of Tuart College won the Principal of the Year in 2008. These nominations reflect the high regard students have for all the teachers at the College.

ESL Teacher Jacki Caldwell with students Ali Al Jubari and Fung Kah Ngii.
STUDY TOURS

Tuart College has played host to a number of study tours. One of these tours was in July 2008 for a group of 15 students and 3 adults from Semarang and Surabaya in Indonesia.

In May 2009 the college hosted a group from Johor Bahr in Malaysia. This group consisted of fifteen students, two teachers and one other adult. Both these groups experienced college life and subjects including English, Maths and Science. They also took tours to places of interest and experienced Perth hospitality.

The latest group arrived on 14 June 2009 for two weeks from Hanoi, Vietnam. They did study including English and enjoyed recreation and visits. They enjoyed staying with Australian families. The group consisted of 22 students plus a teacher and a mother.

Advisory Board Continues to be Active

Under the guidance of Dr Norm Hoffman the Tuart College Advisory Board continues to provide valuable support to the College particularly in matters of concern to the Principal and staff.

This support is appreciated by the College Staff. At the meeting in June several new Board Members were welcomed including David Morris representing the Stirling Business Community and the Federal Member for Stirling Hon Michael Keenan MP.

Mr John Puzye was surprised when he visited the College on 27th June and saw the changes that had taken place to the old high school.

John taught Science as Head of Science at Tuart Hill Senior High School between 1961 and 1968. He visited Tuart College to have a talk with the Principal and Vice Principal and was taken on a tour of the College. He was particularly impressed with the new buildings including the Refectory, Library and Student Services Centre. John retired from Duncraig Senior High School where he was the foundation principal during the 1980’s.
ANZAC Ceremony

On Thursday 8th April Tuart College held a memorial Ceremony for ANZAC DAY in the quadrangle near the flagpole.

The Trumpet was played by student Claire Fletcher, the flag was raised by student Colin Tun, the guests were Warrant Officer First class, Kevin O’Halloran and World War 2 Veteran Mr Noel Laird.

Deputy Principal Di Hann presented a moving account of the reasons for remembering the ANZACS and the sacrifices made for present people of Australia to enjoy our freedom and way of life.

Enrolments for 2010

Tuart College will be offering early enrolment for students who wish to enrol in a course at the college for 2010.

Early enrolment commences mid November 2009 and continue into January 2010. Prospective students for WACE (Western Australian Certificate of Education) (Year 12) courses or Flying Start (Secondary Upgrading for Year 10 or 11) as well as English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD) who wish to study at the college in 2010 should make an appointment with an Advisor to find the course which best suits their requirements. Enrolment appointments can be made by telephoning 92426222 during the hours of 8.00am to 6.00pm.

WACE (Western Australian Certificate of Education) courses (Year 12) replace the TEE in 2010 and Tuart College will offer a wide variety of courses. As well as WACE courses students will have 15 Flying Start subjects from which to choose.

Besides the academic subjects, students may wish to study one of the 10 week Short Courses or one day workshop.

All of the college courses can be viewed on the college website www.tuartcollege.wa.edu.au or a booklet can be obtained from Student Services.

Students who studied at school in 2009 should make enquiries in January.