

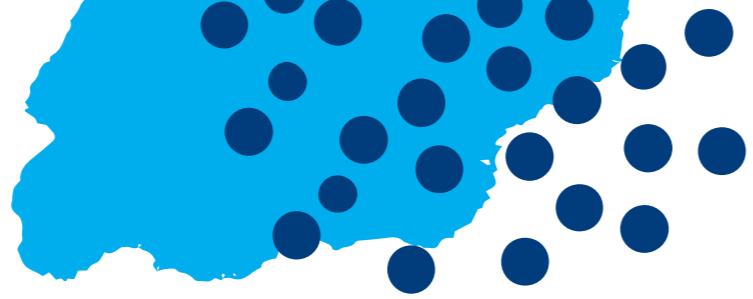
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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF COLLEGE

2023 has flown by at lightning speed. There is a sense of consolidation in the wake of COVID and the College operated at full capacity with a complete suite of events and programs to enhance the student experience and sure up the sense of Tommy being a 'home away from home'. The returner rate is strong and the interest in coming to the College as a new student continues to rise.

Two staff members resigned from their roles in July/August 2023. I want to express my deep gratitude to Mel Carnachan and Tanya Hewett and wish them both the very best in whatever the future may hold.

Cherry Ng has undertaken the role as the Manager of Finance and Compliance. Sarah Morrison, formerly at Mannix College at Monash University, was appointed College Registrar in July 2023.

Welcome, albeit unexpected funds have enabled us to move forward on a major project. The project, referred to as the Piazza Canopy, will have a threefold benefit:

1. it will effectively eliminate water ingress through the slab to the basement parking area;
2. it will provide cover from the elements as students move in and out of B Building; and
3. it will provide an outstanding undercover area for recreation and major events.

The College goes to great lengths to form connections with schools in regional Western Australia. This helps students understand something of our culture before they apply and what we view as important. We explain that our values are reflected in our various events and programs designed to assist our students to become "More than a Degree".

In 2013 we visited four schools and attended three regional career expos. In 2023 the College visited 20 schools and with the inclusion of student ambassadors, has attended 8 career expos. Part of our regional schools' awareness strategy is to offer seminars that can be incorporated into the schools' leadership development programs. The benefits are that the Tommy More name is being spread in a very positive manner in the regions and many of the student leader participants end up applying to come to the College.

This new role has fast-tracked the access of College students to the range of University support structures, including medical, counselling, academic and support through Respect Now Always. There is also an education brief for the role along with acting as a disclosure officer. This initiative has been an absolute success, and the Wellbeing Advisor has been a great support for Mim as Deputy Head of College. Sally Stott and Fiona McAuliffe at UWA have been phenomenal in their investment in supporting the welfare of College Row students and especially Tommy More students.

There was strong interest shown by current residents in visiting the children we support in Cambodia in November/December this year. The children need support due to landmine accidents, polio, or vulnerability due to unfavourable life circumstances. Eighteen students will accompany Mim and I in Cambodia from 24 November to 5 December this year. They have already learned of the abhorrent history and are keen to meet those that our fund-raising efforts are supporting. In the order of \$22,000 has been raised by the students in 2023 for this worthy cause alone.

A happy and holy Christmas to all in our broader Tommy community!

Tom Mitchell
Head of College



WORD FROM THE DEPUTY

As we wrap up another year at Tommy, we reflect on the time with our community and creating lasting memories in 2023.

Our Resident Advisor Team, a remarkable group of young adults, has dedicated themselves to fostering strong connections with residents and ensuring their well-being throughout the year. Teigan, our Outreach RA, led a subcommittee of seventeen members to support various events, garnering resident support for initiatives such as Ronald McDonald House, World's Greatest Shave, Cambodia Kings Park Half Marathon and Relay for Life. Her efforts did not go unnoticed with the College raising over \$13,000 across all initiatives and over \$14,000 for Cambodia. Our ring pull competition also gathered a record breaking 53kg to assist in wheelchairs for young children.

Under the guidance of Mia, our Wellbeing RA, the well-being program has flourished, becoming an integral part of College life. Mia not only organized weekly inter-wing sporting competitions but also initiated Quad Coffee Catch-ups and Sunday baking sessions. The newly established Wellbeing Space in B Building offers students a peaceful retreat for activities like painting, puzzles, meditation, and relaxation under a sun lamp.

The Student Club Committee demonstrated incredible proactivity, organising inclusive events throughout the year to provide residents with engaging experiences. Highlights include River Cruise, The Great Escape, Paparazzi Week, Angels and Mortals Week, Fringe Fest and, of course, our Inter-College Sporting Competitions.

The Academic Program at St Thomas More College continues to thrive, with senior residents applying to become tutors at our weekly Nerd Nights. Academic success is crucial to a successful College environment and this year was no exception.

In addition to the above, we hosted Careers Week with our very first Mini Careers Fair. This saw over 20 prospective employers come to campus and meet with residents in their final year of study. We also invited several alumni to participate in a Q&A panel and guest speakers to share their knowledge in resume writing, interviewing skills, and job selection criteria.

At Tommy More, all of our programs focus on building relationships, maintaining connections, and adding value to the College experience. We express sincere gratitude to both our Resident Advisors and Student Club Committee, as well as their various subcommittees, for their unwavering dedication and contributions, making our college an exceptional place to live this year.

Anticipation for 2024 is high, and we eagerly await the return of both current and new residents in February. To our departing residents, we extend heartfelt thanks for the valuable contributions you've made to our College, and we wish you the very best in your next endeavours.

Remember, there's only one Tommy More!

Mim Jones
Deputy Head of College



FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

THE OLD VIOLIN NOBODY WANTED

Often, it takes a maestro to help an instrument play beautiful melodies.

A friend narrated this beautiful story about 20 years ago and it struck a chord and stayed with me ever since. I am sure many can identify with it as well.

There was an auction and buyers competed fiercely to outbid each other for everything that was on offer. Before long, they eagerly snapped up all the items. Except for one: an old violin.

Keen to find a buyer for it, the auctioneer held the string instrument in his hands and offered what he thought was an attractive price, saying "if anyone is interested, I would sell it for \$100."

A deathly hush filled the room. After a while, it became apparent to the auctioneer that even at that price, it was not enough to convince anyone to buy the old violin. So, he reduced its price to \$80, but even this did not move anyone to take it off his hands. The auctioneer then lowered the asking price even further to \$50, insisting it was the best price he could offer. Still, nobody raised their hands to buy it. Finally, in desperation, he dropped the price to only \$20.

Then, after another bout of silence, an old gentleman who sat at the back, raised his hand and asked: "May I have a look at the violin, please?"

"Yes, surely, you may," the auctioneer replied, relieved that, finally, someone showed an interest in the old violin. The measly price did not bother him. At least, the stringed instrument faced the prospect of finding a new owner and home.

So, the old man rose from his seat at the back and slowly walked to the front and carefully examined the old violin. He took out his handkerchief and dusted the surface of the wooden music instrument. He then gently tuned each string until, one by one, they were in the right tones.

Finally, and only then, did he place the old violin between his chin and left shoulder, lifted the bow with his right hand, and started playing a piece of music. Each musical note he produced from the old violin penetrated the silence in the room and danced delightfully in the air. It stunned everyone

and they listened attentively to what was coming out of the instrument in the hands of what was obvious to all: a maestro.

He played a familiar classical hymn. The melody was so beautiful that it quickly enchanted everyone at the auction and they were awestruck. They had never heard of or even witnessed anyone playing music so beautifully, let alone on an old violin. And they never thought for one moment it would catch their fancy later on when the auction resumed.

When the old man had finished playing, he calmly returned the violin to the auctioneer, so that he could try and sell it again. But before the auctioneer could even ask everyone in the room if they would still like to buy it, there was a rush in the raising of hands. Everyone suddenly wanted it after the impromptu masterly performance.

From an unwanted item a short while earlier, the old violin was suddenly the focus of the most intense bidding competition of the auction. From the starting bid of \$20, the price immediately shot up to \$500. The old violin was ultimately sold for \$10,000, which was 500 times more than its lowest asking price.

It took only 15 minutes for the old violin to transform from something nobody wanted into the star of the auction. And it had to take a maestro musician to tune up its strings and play a wonderful melody. He showed that what looked unattractive on the outside was actually a beautiful and priceless soul inside the instrument.

Perhaps, like the old violin, our lives normally do not seem to have much worth at first. But if we hand them over to Jesus, who is the maestro above all maestros, then He will be able to play beautiful songs through us and their melodies will stun listeners even much more. Our lives, then, will catch the world's attention and everyone wants to listen to the music that He produces out of our lives.

Lord, may our lives become your musical instrument, like that old violin, so that we may be able to produce beautiful music people can sing to with You forever to give thanks and praise to Your wonderful love You have bestowed upon us.

Rev. Dr. Peter Hung Tran
College Chaplain



RESIDENT ADVISORS

Ulani Hayter Otaola
2023 Senior Resident Advisor

I write this reflection with mixed feelings about this year coming to an end, and grateful for the endless opportunities and support this wonderful College gifts its residents.

My role this past year has allowed me to experience firsthand the determination, resilience, and the incredible talents that each of St Thomas More's residents possess. I've also been lucky enough to lead and support a group of extraordinary Resident Advisors (RA's) in continuing to build a community that offers support, camaraderie, and a shared sense of purpose.

The 2023 RA team has strived to provide the best possible care to our residents, and as we continue to set higher standards every year with our college staff I am proud to say that I truly believe we have achieved that.

To Tom and Mim from all of us, thank you for your endless support, wisdom and guidance. This college wouldn't be the success it is without you both.

To my SRA partner Max, who was my right-hand man in semester 1 and then became my biggest cheerleader all the way from America in semester 2, thank you. I know you and Carys will do a fantastic job continuing the role next year.

I would like to recognise each of the resident advisors and their hard work over the past year supporting residents. Each of them brings a special touch to our home, making it a safe and welcoming place for all of us.

Firstly, to our speciality RAs. Teigan, who brought so much care into every outreach aspect. Mia, thank you for your enthusiasm and passion in the wellbeing role.

To our talented Front Wing RAs: Beth, our professional athlete and Camden, the college rockstar. Our Back Wing RA's - Carys, who always has a smile for you, Zeke, who gives the best hugs, and Oliver, our agricultural king.

On the 1st floor, we have Nick and Phoebe, with their contagious enthusiasm and unfortunate robbery of the floor decoration win. Keeping charge of the 2nd floor we have Johane the sweetest, caring soul and Riley, a friend to everyone.

For the 3rd floor, we recognize Jonathan, the dad of the team and Kate, who is caring and kind. On the 4th and 5th floor with me, we have Kade who will always put a smile on our faces.

Looking over to the Middle Wing is Ben, who stepped up when we needed him most and Ruby our stem girl boss. Lastly, in A-building we have Sophia, our bubbly Disney princess.

These incredible individuals have not only held their roles with distinction but have also enriched our college experience through their exceptional personalities. Thank you for making our home a better place for all of us.

Best of luck to the 2024 RA team!

Ulani Hayter Otaola
2023 Senior Resident Advisor

YOUR 2023 RA'S



TEIGAN CLARK
OUTREACH



MIA HOLBEN
WELLBEING



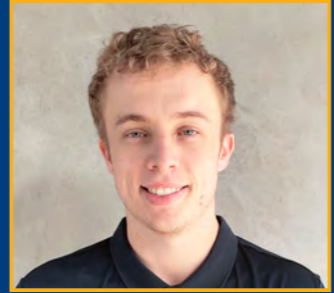
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BETH SCHILLING
FRONT WING



RUBY GILROY
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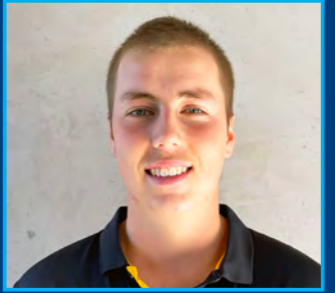
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ULANI HAYTER OTAOLA
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MAX LEBLANC
SRA (SEM1)



HAOCHEN ZHAO
(SEM 1)



STUDENT CLUB COMMITTEE

Orientation Week (O'Week) was a great start to the year and we did an excellent job in welcoming the freshers into the Tommy community. It was an extremely busy week, filled with fun activities including a day at Adventure World, paint party, scavenger hunt, a café crawl, and the completion of the 'Fresher Dance' organised by our Inter-College Representative Darci Bellis. Tommy finished second in the Fresher Dance competition. We then went swiftly into the Welcome dinners, which were an amazing way to introduce the new residents to some of the returners. We enjoyed the best of the summer sun along with some lovely food.

Our social representative, Bridie Bowden did an excellent job in organising fun events this year. The first event that she organised was the River Cruise. This year, the theme was 'Movie Characters' and it was amazing to see all the students getting involved with the event. Our Vice-President, Amy Wilton, also ran numerous fun events such as Paparazzi Week and Angels and Mortals, which all had great engagement from the Tommy More residents.

During the first semester we had numerous Inter-College sports. The teams were coached and selected by Cate McDonald and Sam Kirke. At the half-way mark of the year, Tommy was in the lead for the Inter-College sports cup, performing well in all sports, including athletics, netball, swimming, and dodgeball.

It was then the end of semester one, and time to welcome the newest batch of 'freshers' in for the second semester with 2.O'Week. This was an extremely successful week, being run by our Fresher Representative, Angus Bowles, and our International Representative, Jeavons. These two did an amazing job organising events such as a trip to Caversham Wildlife Park, City Tours, and a trip to the Fremantle markets.

We then had the International Formal Dinner, which was once again run by Jeavons. He did an amazing job of organising food, drinks, and entertainment from different countries around the world. It was then time for the annual Tommy Ball, which was once again organised by Vice President Amy. Amy did an amazing job, working with Optus Stadium to create a night for all to remember, and it was awesome to see everyone dressed up and looking amazing for one of the most enjoyable nights of the year.

After the Ball and throughout the year, our Community representative(s) Jonathan Lee (for the first eight weeks) and then Katherine Begley, were hard at work with 'Tucky' and other events such as Supper and Movie Nights in the rainbow room. These were more laid-back events that were enjoyable for all those who participated.

The committee's final event was the Brownlow Dinner, which was run by the Sports Representatives Cate and Sam. This was an excellent night, that acknowledged the hard work put in by all College members in this year's sporting activities, and celebrated high achievers.

- Other notable achievements of the STMSC this year included:
- Winning seven flags for Inter-College sport.
 - Finishing second on the Inter-College sport ladder.
 - Finishing third in the Lip-Dub.
 - Finishing third in the Culture Cup.
 - An episode of 'The Moron' completed by our Publications rep Shanayah Eastough.

I am extremely proud of the work that this year's committee has done, and I wish next year's 2024 committee the best. I look forward to seeing what they have in store for us next year.

Signing off,
Chad Myors
Student Club President

YOUR 2023 STUDENT CLUB COMMITTEE



CHAD MYORS
PRESIDENT



AMY WILTON
VICE PRESIDENT



JOSH HENNINGHEIM
SECRETARY



LOUIS STRATICO
TREASURER



BRIDIE BOWDEN
SOCIAL REP



KATHERINE BEGLEY
COMMUNITY REP



SAM KIRKE
MALE SPORTS REP



CATE MCDONALD
FEMALE SPORTS REP



SHANAYAH EASTOUGH
PUBLICATIONS REP



JEAVONS ZHENG
INTERNATIONAL REP



DARCI BELLIS
INTER-COLLEGE REP



ANGUS BOWLES
FRESHER REP



FRESH PERSPECTIVE

My name is Angus and I am the Fresher representative for 2023. I moved up to Tommy from my hometown of Albany earlier this year, and I am currently studying a Bachelor of Biomedical Science at UWA.

I came to Tommy after my older sister Molly told me about all the great memories and opportunities that Tommy had provided for her in her time at college and the friends she has still to this day. If I'm honest, I didn't have much say in the matter but I'm happy I ended up at Tommy nonetheless.

I ran for Fresher Rep because I saw an opportunity to get more involved in the Tommy community whilst also being allowed to represent the best group of freshers imaginable.

As Fresher Rep, I'm excited to work with the committee to organise and run various events here at college, particularly 2.0 week for the new Freshers coming. I was also excited to be a voice for the Freshers and make sure that their time here at college is as good as it should be.

Outside of uni I'm heavily involved in Surf Life Saving and work as a lifeguard at the pool and at the beach. I'm also a big lover of the footy and look forward to playing for UWA this season and watching the Dockers.

Angus Bowles, Student Club Fresher Rep 2023

This year at Tommy has truly been remarkable. Right from move in day, I felt like I was part of a family.

Over the year, I have had the opportunity to participate in many different activities. Whether it was representing Tommy in intercollege sports, cooking breakfast for the families at the Ronald McDonald house, or walking laps for relay for life. Tommy provides various social and community activities so there is always something to look forward to. One week you will be preparing a costume for a themed river cruise, and the next you will be finding something to wear for a formal dinner. The busy and interactive lifestyle at college creates a perfect balance between studying and socializing, making the uni experience so much more rewarding. I am so grateful for the memories that I've gained from this first year at Tommy, and I am beyond excited to create even more next year!

Sophie Kennedy, Bunbury WA

Irish novelist Cecilia Ahern once said, "Home isn't a place, it is a feeling." Although continents away, St Thomas More College has sparked that touch of home in me.

Stemming down to my journey in Perth, Tommy has been that home away from home bringing about that feeling of warmth and welcome to cherish that emotion of comfort. It has been a bundle of pleasure and delight to be greeted each morning with smiles of colour from every soul I meet at Tommy, which indeed makes my days brighter. The interior layout of the College's accommodation magically shifts my mind to mine back home as it is adorned with comforts and facilities that every student would hope for and enjoy. I am very grateful and privileged to have found Tommy, a best friend away from home.

Meleena Bastian, Sri Lanka

BY TEIGAN CLARK,
OUTREACH RESIDENT ADVISOR

The outreach program had yet another successful year running in the College. I was taken aback by the commitment and dedication the College community has shown towards the program. Just over 30% of resident who have lived at Tommy over the past two semesters have been involved in the program. As the Resident Advisor running this program, I am extremely grateful for everybody's support and excited to see next year's Outreach Resident Advisor, Jack Buswell continue to run the program successfully.

The program has caught the eyes of many outsiders, and I am confident it will continue to set Tommy apart from other colleges.

FUNDRAISING

- Tommy Community Market Day: \$4,323.35
- Cambodia Kings Park Half Marathon: \$527
- World's Greatest Shave: \$1,089.75
- Op-shop: \$538.82 *Op shop contributed \$624 to Market Day sales.
- Containers for Change/ Containers for Cambodia: \$1,440.90
- Step up to Breast Cancer: \$567
- Relay for Life: \$4,276
- Flower Sales: \$420

Overall, the College has raised \$13,227.82, for the greater community, an incredible effort considering we had more volunteering events this year than ever before. Also, the Cambodia specific fund raising by those travelling to Battambang is in excess of \$14,000.

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

World's greatest shave raises vital funds and awareness for The Leukaemia Foundation. We had five residents step up to the challenge and shave, cut, or dye their hair. I was beyond proud of these residents for their selfless acts and it was great to see so many residents turn up to support them on the day. At the conclusion of the event, we had raised \$1,089.75 for the cause.

**CAMBODIA COLLABORATION
HALF MARATHON**

The Cambodia Collaboration Half Marathon was a little different this year with a new course that better reflected the flat course around Angkor Wat. We had 61 residents participate on the day and a number of residents involved in marshalling and other activities to help me. I was astounded by the number of people who got involved despite it being held in the height of an assessment period. We also had a record amount of people complete the 21km course. This event raised \$527 for the Cambodia Collaboration, and I could not be happier with the turn out.

WOMEN'S WALK FOR CANCER

We had 18 residents volunteer as marshals at this year's Women's Walk for Cancer. Everyone was very energetic and bubbly on the day helping the walkers make it through the last leg of the 42km walk. The residents enjoyed this and spent the time listening to tunes and becoming inspirational speakers. I received an email from the coordinator after the event stating that they had lots of good feedback from the stations our residents were staffing, which is a huge compliment.

STEP UP FOR BREAST CANCER

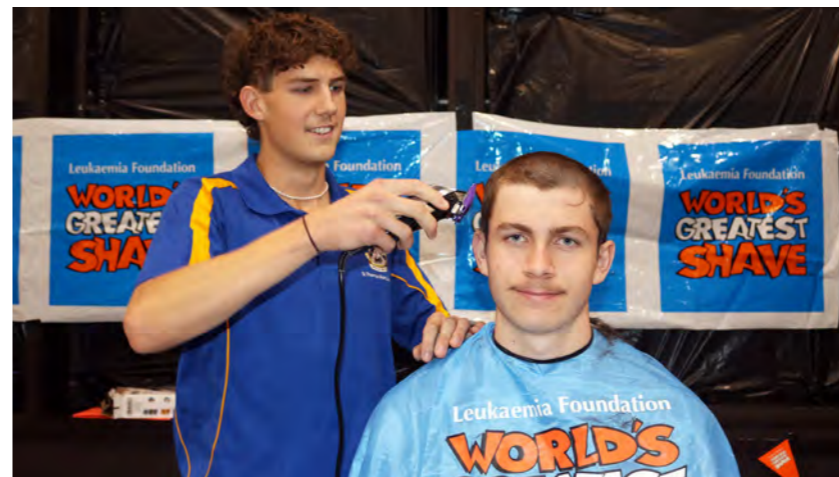
Step up for Breast Cancer ran for the whole of August and required residents to step up and complete 10,000 steps a day to raise money for breast cancer research. We had 20 residents join the team this year and they collectively raised nearly \$600. It was fun to see the residents going on little group walks and being more active around the college.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life is always one of the resident's favourite events and this year I was humbled by our community's dedication to the event. We had 40 residents participate in the relay and a number came down to support. It was amazing to see our community bond over experiences they had and their desire to help effect change. Our College team raised \$4,276 for the Cancer Councils research, coming second for both most fundraising per team and most laps. This event was by far my favourite and I think our community spirit really shined through over the 24 hours.



OUTREACH REVIEW





TELETHON
Telethon was our last event this year. Everyone involved had a great time and I have heard nothing but great reviews. On Saturday night (21 October), seven residents joined the call centre and took donations through their phone lines. This event is close to WA hearts, and everyone involved had fun helping them break yet another fundraising record.

CONTAINERS FOR CAMBODIA
Containers for Cambodia is proving to be a very consistent source of funds for the Arrupe Centre, and I am proud to say we have received \$1,440.90 from the scheme this year. I decided at the start of the year that there was an opportunity for someone to step up and act as the Head of Containers for Change and I am extremely happy with the work Chelsea White has done. She has coordinated each visit to the depot and made sure the exchange cage and bin rooms are kept tidy and are being used correctly. I believe this role will continue into next year as an opportunity for non-leadership team residents to display their abilities.

WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS
This year we broke the record for the amount of ring pulls collected by the College with a record breaking 53kg. The ring pull competition is a favourite of the residents and everyone gets involved. It has been great to see the awareness for recycling and the wheelchairs for kids initiative evolve over the year with the containers for change scheme and ring pull competition going hand in hand. Overall, everyone enjoys the friendly competition the ring pull competition provides and is amazing to see the residents spreading the awareness.

BLOOD DRIVE
The College residents participated in three blood drives this year, with a total of 150 lives saved from our blood donations. I was astounded with the resident's willingness to donate with each trip filling the appointments I prebooked.

Although the Blood Drive is fairly new to Tommy, we have built a good rapport with the CBD donor centre and have been contacted to help encourage other colleges to join us in their upcoming Halloween blood drive event.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE
We have been to the Ronald McDonald House facility in Nedlands eight times this year. Each visit was enjoyed very much by the residents and the coordinators there are always happy to have us. We did seven cooked breakfasts and one lunchtime service where we made sandwiches and muffins for the families staying there. This year I decided to take groups of up to 15 residents and brought the face painting and colouring ins each time which was well received by the staff, parents and especially the kids.

OP SHOP
With Head of Op Shop Jack Buswell, it has been redefined in the Tommy community. Jack and the Outreach Committee have spent a lot of time clearing it out and donating items that we felt wouldn't find a new home in the College. The Op Shop was opened more times than ever this year opening during Quad Coffee and before big dress up events. I am very pleased with Jack's efforts and see the Op Shop flourishing next year.

OUTREACH CELEBRATION DINNER
The Outreach Celebration Dinner was an incredible night filled with acknowledgments and celebrations of those who have gone above and beyond for the Outreach Program this year. I was overwhelmed by the presence of the residents there on the night and could not have been happier with how it went. The night consisted of awards, a reflection on the year, a speech by next year's Outreach Resident Advisor and a performance from the STMC band. Everyone in attendance made their own impact on the greater community through the program and it was special to be able to celebrate with them.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE
The Outreach Committee is a special group of people who I selected at the start of the year to assist me in my role. This group has been nothing short of incredible and it has been an honour to see their personal leadership styles shine through as they stepped up to make a difference in our community.

BY TEIGAN CLARK



Tommy More Market Day: Lilli Edwards, Maddie Welsh | World's Greatest Shave : Caitlin Brown | Step up for Breast Cancer: Chloe Western
Cambodia Collaboration Half Marathon: Daniel Yap | Women's Walk for Cancer: Maggie Scott | Relay for Life: Ben Cole
Containers for Cambodia: Chelsea White | Tommy Op Shop: Jack Buswell | STMC Blood Drive: Dakota Harrary
Ronald McDonald House: Sophie Kennedy, Matthew Hicks | Wen Pirulo: Ryan Dinesh | Tommy Peace Prize: Lila Campbell



Teigan, Outreach RA 2023





CAMBODIA COLLABORATION COMMUNITY MARKET DAY

BY TEIGAN CLARK, **OUTREACH RESIDENT ADVISOR**

Market day was the first Outreach event of the year, to raise funds for the Cambodia Collaboration. We had the Op Shop, kids' corner and succulents available with the money going straight towards the collaboration. There were also a number of outside vendors who came on the day to support the cause. I was very impressed with the number of volunteers we had on the day to help me run the event as well as set up and pack down. These volunteers helped in creating a vibrant atmosphere for the tours that were being conducted throughout the College and their hard work did not go unnoticed. We ended up raising \$4,323.35 for the Cambodia Collaboration with this event.

Being the Outreach Resident Advisor, this year has been very rewarding for me and given me many new skills. This role has been an incredible experience that has enabled me to develop my leadership skills and flourish as a leader in the Tommy community. I am beyond grateful for the support from Tom, Mim and all the staff at Tommy More as well as the residents, particularly the leadership teams and Outreach Committee. They were all so supportive of me in my role and I extend a huge thank you to them all. I will value my time in this role forever as I continue my journey at Tommy and beyond.





FRESH PERSPECTIVE

Hi, my name is Wilson. I am currently a first-year student majoring in Electronic Music and Sound Design and English and Literary Studies at The University of Western Australia. I came to Tommy not knowing what to expect. However, it was the wide variety of activities that were made available during orientation week that made my orientation experience a fulfilling one.

The city tours allowed us to explore the bustling city life, while University tours allowed us to settle any enrolment issues, find our class locations, and realise that we could get that extra 10-15 minutes of sleep with lessons being just a stone's throw away.

Thus, all these showed that Tommy More was a place of accommodation that had something for everyone. However, what reaffirmed my decision to stay at Tommy More for the remainder of my university life was probably the friendliness of everyone I crossed paths with. It was the friendliness of the residents and staff that made Tommy More a place that was not just home, but also a place where I could talk to anyone, have help with my studies, or hang out in general. In summary, I would strongly recommend Tommy More as a preferred place of stay, as what you are paying for would be worth it.

Wilson Tan, Singapore

Moving to Australia from England felt like a big leap, but 2.0 Week at Tommy turned the daunting experience into a smooth transition.

The variety of activities, from paint parties and fresher night out to exploring Caversham Wildlife Park and meeting all the Aussie wildlife, made settling in a breeze.

The warmth and friendliness of everyone at Tommy has been a real highlight. In my four months here, I have loved getting involved with Tommy's events, including inter-college sports and the social events organised by the Student Club Committee. The exceptional support provided at the College ensures that there's always someone you can turn to when in need. I have loved every aspect of Tommy life so far and look forward to the rest of my time here!

Beth Plummer, United Kingdom

In a few words, I would describe my St Thomas More (Tommy) fresher experience as mind-opening, spontaneous, and new.

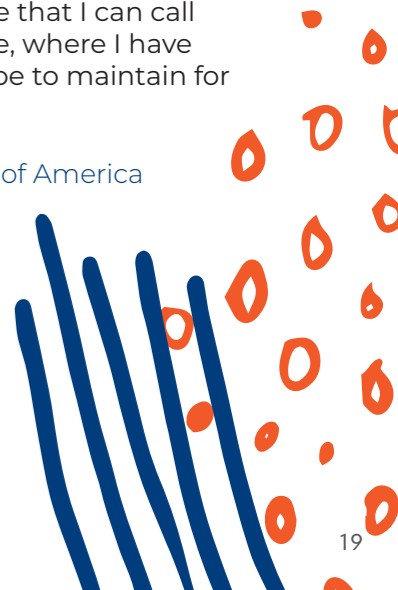
When I first got here, I was just overwhelmed by the friendliness of all of the RA's and committee members, but also the vast amount of countries represented in the fresher group.

The amazing events of 2.0 fresher week – like the tour of downtown and the Caversham Wildlife Park – laid the foundation for what would become amazing friendships with fellow freshers, but also returners. From these roots, it was the little things that began to make Tommy feel like home – such as, playing various games on the quad before dinner or spontaneously going to the beach after classes on a nice day.

Although simple, these small moments culminated together to form deep, flourishing friendships. Although we come from vastly different backgrounds, the community and friends I have made here have shown me that we have commonalities in ways that I never would have guessed. In realising this, my confidence to show sides of myself that I previously hadn't expressed also began to grow; for instance, I began a handstand class and also started watching an anime with friends. Friends began asking, "How did handstand class go?" at breakfast, and while simple, this action meant a tremendous deal to me: whether about my handstand class or a random topic, people's genuine interest and care for each other's lives broke down any cultural differences and began to form what I like to call more of an impromptu family.

More than just a place to live for my exchange, Tommy has become a place that I can call home long after I leave here, where I have developed friendships I hope to maintain for years to come.

Harry Peluso, United States of America





St Thomas More College
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Tommy More Valedictory Dinner 2023



BY MIA HOLBEN
WELLBEING RESIDENT ADVISOR

This year, the Wellbeing Program has reached new heights, whilst continuing to refine and further develop the work established in previous years. The introduction of new initiatives and enhancement of existing events has brought significant benefits to the College community. The success of this year's program was a testament to the strong College spirit it fostered. The Wellbeing Program has solidified itself as a defining and distinguished feature that sets Tommy apart from the rest.

Rani Price is the incoming Wellbeing RA for 2024, and as a resident who has been highly involved in the College community during her time at Tommy, I have full confidence that she will flourish in this role and persevere in making the Wellbeing Program the best it can be.

INTER-WING TOURNAMENT

The Inter-Wing Tournament is a weekly event that involves 2-3 sports tournaments in each semester & spontaneous Kahoot! quizzes where each floor and the wings compete against each other for points, that go towards the Inter-wing Cup. This semester, the Inter-Wing tournament was hosted on Sunday at 2pm, so that it could follow straight into Quad Coffee. Inter-wing builds awareness by providing residents with a weekly opportunity to practice self-care, maybe without them even realising, whether that is through them participating in the myriad of activities and building up their sense of belonging in their floor/wing community, or through physical activity itself. 2nd Floor won the Inter-Wing Cup for 2023.

QUAD-COFFEE CATCH-UP

This event was the 2nd weekly event that this program ran this year. Quad coffee is held every Sunday at 3pm and is an event that showcases different ways of looking after oneself; spending quality time with others, getting outside, feeling the sun on one's skin and being with nature, moving one's body, a reminder that food is fuel. Having these different methods of self-care available for residents to attend to if they choose, on a weekly basis, ultimately builds up awareness about what prioritising one's wellbeing can look like.

THE WELLBEING SPACE

The Wellbeing Space is one of the new initiatives developed by the Wellbeing Committee and me and has seen significant use from residents. Located on 3rd Floor in B Building, the Wellbeing Space is where residents can come to practice mindfulness, get in touch with their creative side, or relax with friends whilst engaging in activities that promote a sense of accomplishment and self-esteem, or channel self-expression. Painting supplies, drawing supplies, mixed media crafts (such as crochet), a wide variety of jigsaw puzzles, sensory toys, and books are all made available for residents in the Wellbeing Space.

SWEAT STRETCH SLAY & WELLBEING WALKIES

These are two new weekly events that emerged in semester 2. Sweat Stretch Slay is an event that welcomed residents to join in and follow either a 20 minute cardio dance workout from YouTube displayed on the TV, a stretching routine, or learning dance combinations, on a Monday night at 7:30pm. Wellbeing Walkies ran once or twice a week (dependent on weather), where residents were encouraged to meet at the hammocks at a designated time (morning or afternoon) and come along for a walk through either Kings Park, along Mounts Bay Road, or along the river down Matilda Bay.

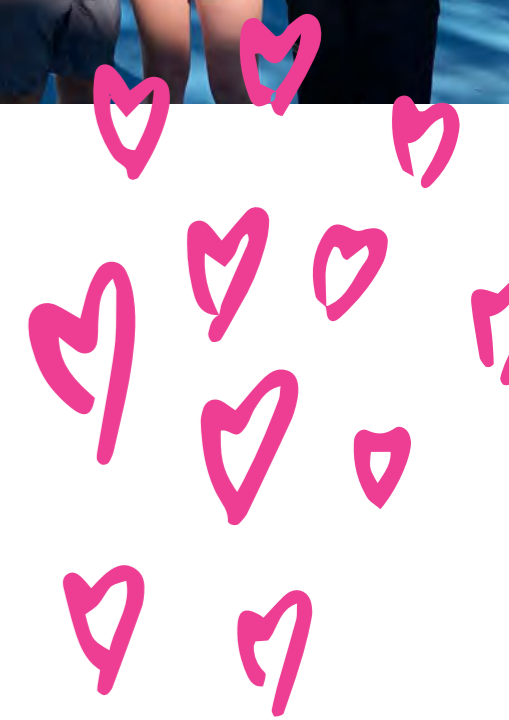
AWARENESS DAYS

Awareness days are an integral part of the Wellbeing Program. They act as a reminder for residents, who could be struggling in silence, that they aren't alone. Residents can find information on awareness days and events held in support of these days on both the Facebook Current Students Page & the weekly e-newsletter. By making these days visible and recognisable to residents, it de-stigmatises aspects of wellbeing that often aren't spoken about enough in day-to-day life. They work towards breaking down barriers that withhold people from speaking up about their struggles. The awareness days that evoked the most noticeable and positive response from residents this semester were International Friendship Day and RUOK? Day. For International Friendship Day, I set up some cards and pens in the recreation room for residents to write personal, positive notes to their friends throughout the week.

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING AWARD
Maggie Scott (2nd year)**

This award is given to the individual that most helps to grow and contribute to the Health and Wellbeing program in everything that they do. It is awarded to someone who is recognised as a "go-to" person for someone who struggles with mental health issues along with helping to benefit the culture and heart of the College community.

Maggie consistently went above and beyond to contribute to the Wellbeing program in 2023. She was one of, if not the most, frequent face at all Wellbeing events this year, along with assisting me with managing the Inter-Wing Tournament from the beginning of semester 2. Maggie showed me true support that I am extremely grateful for, and offered her help wherever she could; the Wellbeing Program wouldn't have thrived like it has without her presence.





INTERNATIONAL FORMAL DINNER



Jeavons,
International
Rep 2023

Hello everyone,

I'm Yuxuan, and I'm honored to serve as the STMC International Representative for 2023. This year is particularly significant as we've welcomed a vibrant and diverse group of 183 international students from over 25 different countries. This resurgence of cultural diversity is a notable achievement, especially after the global challenges we've faced since 2020.

2023 has been a year rich in cultural exchange and celebration. A major highlight for me was organising the International Formal Dinner and the 2.O week, which both exceeded our expectations in terms of turnout and engagement. The International Formal Dinner was a delightful showcase of diverse cuisines and featured spectacular live performances from our talented college residents, along with special acts like the mariachi band and the lion dance troupe.

Another key milestone was the 2nd Semester O-week. This event was particularly memorable, as we welcomed many exchange and international students. The influx of new residents, eager to immerse themselves in the Tommy culture, infused our community with fresh perspectives and enthusiasm.

Reflecting on the year, I am immensely grateful for how wonderfully everything unfolded. The shared experiences have not only enriched our college life but also strengthened the bonds within our diverse community. I am optimistic that, with the support of the new SCC and RAs, the future for our international community at STMC looks brighter than ever.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve in this role and for contributing to an unforgettable year. Let's continue to celebrate our diversity and create more memorable experiences together at STMC!

Yuxuan Zheng (Jeavons)
Student Club International Rep





INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SHINE IN 2023 IC SPORTS SUCCESS

This year saw a very successful 2023 Inter-College sports season. Despite needing many last-minute and unprepared fill-ins, and the ever-changing calendar, the Tommy Morecocks exceeded our expectations for inter-College sport this year. They participated and spectated while demonstrating sportsmanship, camaraderie, energy, and the Tommy spirit. We couldn't be prouder.

The year started off with a bang. Straight after O'Week, we were into the IC sport season with Athletics up first. James Kiely and Kade Szyszka destroyed the men's races and assisted in Tommy's first flag of the year. Chad Myors took the mascot out for the campus run providing laughs for everyone watching. After Athletics it's safe to say that the Tommy Morecocks are a speedy bunch!

We ditched the land and dove into the pool. This year had the introduction of novelty events and Kade Szyszka, Dylan Lim, Chika Takano and Teigan Clark represented Tommy proudly in the noodle race. Incredible performances from the whole team resulted in Tommy coming second in the men's, women's and overall.

Our Tennis teams had potential, with Aaron Santos, Jamaal Koya, and Tyler Eaton fighting hard in the men's, whilst Mathilde Azam and Megan Schmidt were an exchange student force to be reckoned with. Tommy narrowly missed out on finals in men's, women's and mixed but left in good spirits. Dodgeball was where we started winning flags again, and it felt great. The women's team missed out on the final due to a three-way tie that had to use percentages to be split. Whereas the men's team made it into the final after annihilating all their oppositions. The strong American representation pulled through in the Grand Final with Alex Buccino winning the game from a 3 vs 1 showdown, resulting in Tommy's second flag of the year.

Volleyball was up next, and the men's team went in with high expectations after seeing the skill of Americans Nate Nash, Brennan Gould, and Chris Mix in O'Week. The women started strong before finishing in 3rd and the men made it through to the final before going down to UniHall. At rowing, Tommy showed up with their strongest rowers. Hannah Wells and Jonathan Lee represented Tommy in the individual race and rowed themselves to exhaustion. Even with strong performances by all participants Tommy unfortunately was not able to win another flag.

Netball concluded the IC sports for the first semester with many participants struggling with the early rise the night after the RSD Ball. Thankfully all the participants pulled through for the College and Tommy ended up taking out all three divisions! This made it the fourth year in a row that the men's team have won and the third year for the mixed team. Netball put Tommy on top of the IC Sport Ladder going into semester two.

Semester two saw more success; new internationals arriving meant some new talent for us to scout out. The first sport back was Basketball, and this was the most anticipated sport of the semester. The skill of Abbey Hall and Abbi Baynes allowed the women to make the final against Trinity and bring home another flag! The men's team fought with tenacity and spirit after losing Tobey Martin in the first game. They made it through to the grand final before losing to St Cats by a couple of points.

Soccer was up next. The men's team went in with a large team filled with experience, whereas the women's team only had a few players with experience. The women sadly fell short and ended up in 5th place. The men's team however, pulled through and were facing UniHall in the grand final. Falling just short of a hat trick by Sam Reilly, the guys managed to pull through and win another flag

for Tommy. For Badminton, the Division 1 men's team, Elliot Yap and Teruki Shindo, just missed out on their final, while the Division 2 women's team, Claire Delbridge, Maddi Welsh, and Maddy Eggleston, won their grand final by forfeit as St George's failed to turn up.

Frisbee showed improvement for the guys as they managed to get a win and a draw this year. The girls once again went undefeated and onto the grand final, before losing in extra time against St Georges. Emma Norrish and Phoebe Coulthard were consistently reliable over the competition, whilst Daniel Ralph and Matthew Hicks dominated in the men's. Following that was AFL. Due to many injuries the previous year, UWA Sport had decided the women would do AFL 9's, and the boys would play with 15 on. While the girls had to adapt to the new rules, they still managed to get through to the final. But despite going undefeated throughout the group stages, they lost to St Cats. The guys had the chance of being led by their skipper, Spencer Sewell, to a potential 3-peat.

The guys were defending the title for IC Hockey, and despite having low numbers they barely missed out on getting into the grand final. The girls had high hopes going into the competition but unfortunately they were unable to get the results they wanted. Even though they may have been disappointing results, we had many newcomers who stepped up when needed. Nicole Aronitz was solid as goalie and Nicholas Parten managed to snag the tying goal in the last minutes of Tommy vs St Cats.

To finish up the IC Sport season, we had Touch Rugby. The girls put in a valiant effort throughout the competition, just missing out on the grand final off percentage. Off the bat, the guys team was looking strong, with the level headed guidance from the captain, Gilbert Parker, and quick feet from Oliver Chappell and Kade Szyszka, the team got through to the Finals. This is where they would be facing St Cats, yet again. Despite

putting in a good effort for the first half, the boys got robbed and lost on the last play of the game.

Overall, Tommy brought home seven flags collectively from the men's, women's and mixed inter-college sports. Placed second overall, second in the men's (by two points) and fourth in the women's. Our sportsmanship didn't go unnoticed, Tommy won the IC Sport Spirit award for the second year in a row. This is awarded to the college that the umpires and officials think has the most sportsmanship, the loudest and most respectful crowd, gets around the sports and treats the players and staff with respect. To win this award is an amazing effort so please pat yourselves on the back.

The IC season ended with the best night of the year, Brownlow. A night that celebrates the camaraderie between the Tommy sports participants and expresses gratitude to those that participated in IC sports. Although we congratulated all participants and MVP's, there were a few special awards given on the night.

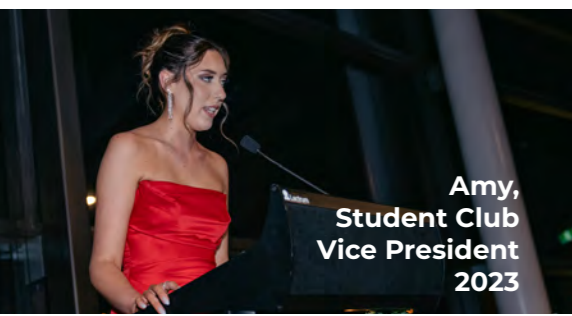
- Rookie of the year – Angus Bowles and Maddi Welsh
- Sportswoman of the year – Phoebe Coulthard
- Sportsman of the year – Daniel Ralph and Kade Szyszka

Thank you to all the athletes, spectators, coaches, the Student Club Committee, Mim Jones and Tom Mitchell for all your support this year. We congratulate Maddi Welsh and Angus Bowles who will be taking over next year, they may not be as good as us but they can try. Just kidding, these two will dominate with their amazing coaching skills and fun-loving energy. We couldn't be more excited for them and the year to come!

Sam Kirke and Cate McDonald
Student Club Sports Representatives



TOMMY BALL



Amy,
Student Club
Vice President
2023



The Tommy Ball holds a special place in my heart as one of my favourite events at College. This year, as the Student Club Vice President, I had the privilege of organising this amazing evening. The groundwork for this event commenced early in the year, in which I was fortunate to book the beautiful Optus Stadium as our venue, and from that point onwards the planning of the event began to unfold.

For months my beloved subcommittee and I used our creative flair and organisational skills to plan an event we hoped would be unforgettable for the Tommy community. From the initial stages of designing and brainstorming, to the final moments of setting up and decorating the venue on the day of the event, the subcommittee's unwavering dedication and tireless efforts behind the scenes were instrumental in the massive success of the Ball.

The evening began with drinks in the foyer of the stadium. I remember how nervous I was, but the air was filled with such excitement and anticipation, my anxieties were soon forgotten. Shortly after, we all stepped into the gorgeous Ball Room and the night was underway. Some key highlights from the night for me were the photobooth, the delicious food, and the DJ who kept the dancefloor alive and buzzing with energy.

The College Ball served as a platform for sharing new experiences and making new memories, which I know I will cherish for many years to come. The evening ended with the 2023 Annual Ball Awards, which were awarded the following people:

- Beau of the Ball: Zeke Medling
- Belle of the Ball: Amy Wilton
- Miss Congeniality: Sophia Spence
- Mr Congeniality: Chad Myers
- Best Dressed Male: Jonathan Lee
- Best Dressed Female: Rita Dorkhom
- Sisterhood: Mia Holben & Ruby Gilroy
- Brotherhood: Mitch Watson & William Pedley
- Cutest Couple: Johane Swanepoel & Oliver Hutcheson

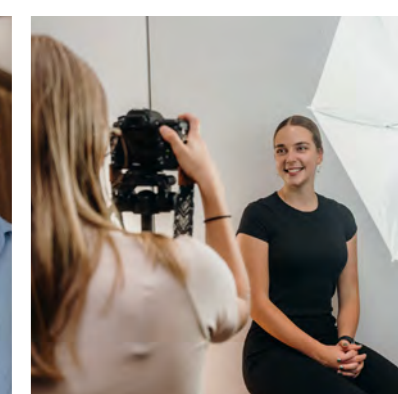
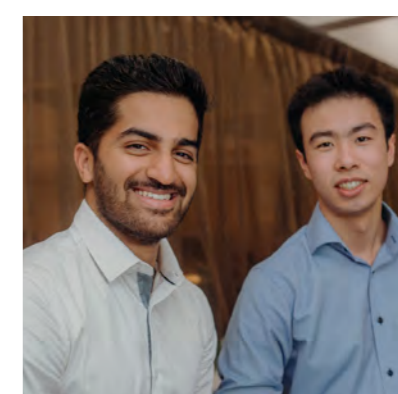
I am very grateful for the opportunities I had this year and am incredibly pleased with how the event played out. So finally, to everyone that helped make this evening a success – the Optus and College staff, the committee and RAs, and of course the subcommittee – thank you so very much, your efforts are immensely appreciated.

Amy Wilton
Student Club Vice President

The Graduate Association at St Thomas More College represents graduate residents and those on the verge of completing their studies by curating a diverse range of events that aim to foster meaningful connections and facilitate professional development. These events are designed to not only bring residents together but to equip them with essential skills and knowledge vital for their professional journey.

One standout event this year was our Professional Headshot Photography event. Recognising the power of first impressions, we hired a professional photographer to provide residents with the opportunity to capture portrait headshot photographs, a valuable asset for resumes and LinkedIn profiles. The response was overwhelming, affirming the importance our residents place on presenting themselves professionally.

Building on this, our events throughout the year were geared towards demystifying the potential of LinkedIn. We delved into the intricacies of leveraging this powerful platform for networking, job hunting, and career advancement. The knowledge imparted during these sessions aimed to empower our residents, giving them a competitive edge in the ever-evolving professional landscape.



Reflecting on the year, these initiatives held by the Graduate Association underscore the invaluable role the association plays in enhancing life at Tommy More. Adding to the already vibrant experience at our college, we aim to further the holistic development of our residents by supporting their professional development and confidence, thus aligning with the ethos of "More than a Degree" that defines the Tommy More experience.

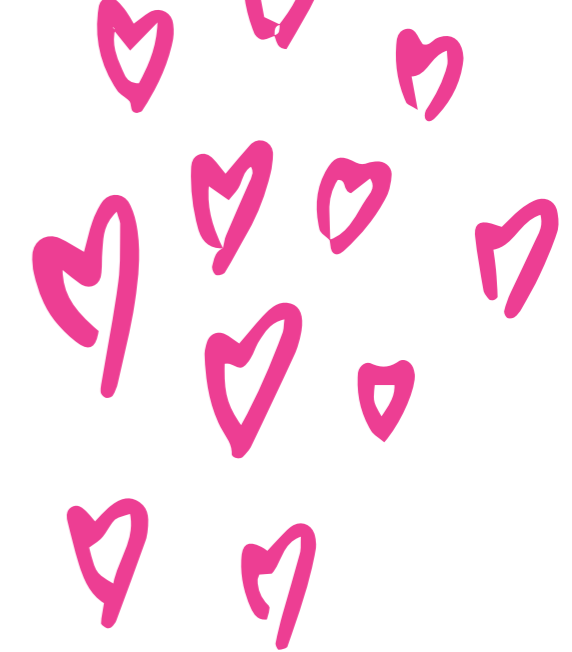
Thomas Nguyen
Tommy More Graduate Association





INTER-COLLEGE

REVIEW



Embracing the role of Inter-College (IC) Representative for 2023 has proven to be an incredibly fulfilling journey. It has been a whirlwind of a year, yet Tommy's engagement, cooperation, and culture fostered by our incredible residents continues to amaze me.

The IC journey began with the Fresher Dance, where the SCC and RA teams provided invaluable support, guiding me through a tough choreographic process of a five minute dance. I would like to thank the friends who collectively supported and inspired me throughout this process.

A great challenge for me was building the courage to speak via a megaphone to a crowd of over 100 freshers. It pushed my limits; however I was thankful to once again witness such great encouragement from my peers. The result of the dance? A proud second place! Starting the year off on a high.

We continued on with the Lip Dub, where residents showcased their lip-syncing talents. The collaboration was seamless, and everyone's willingness to undergo the stresses of filming, showcased the encouraging culture we value in our community. Our efforts resulted in a third place! Not only did we do great, but we also got to witness a visual masterpiece; in which was the wedding between our esteemed president Chad Myors, and Resident Advisor Kade Szyzka.

When concluding the IC Calendar, the much-anticipated Battle of the Bands (BOTB) was last on the list. The talent and support within our Tommy community shone the most on this night, with it truly being something unforgettable. After months of hard work from the band, they showcased a remarkable performance. They were honestly unreal, and with the support from our community in the crowd, it became a night which will go down in the books. Seeing the enjoyment and engagement from everyone on this night, reminded me how beyond grateful I am to be a part of such an incredible culture. BOTB was the best conclusion to a year of great accomplishments.

As I reflect on this year, I am grateful to Tommy for providing such rich opportunities for personal and communal development to their residents. The role of IC rep has not only enriched my self-worth but has also allowed me to encourage others to embrace their full potential. I am grateful of the connections I have made, lifelong friends I cherish, leadership skills I have developed, and the drive I have to give back. I am honoured to have shared and spread my work within our community and cannot wait to see what 2024 will bring.

Darci Bellis
Student Club Inter-College Rep





Nick Parten



VALEDICTORY DINNER



NICK PARTEN'S SPEECH @ VALETE

Hello everybody. For those who do not know me, my name is Nick Parten, and I am from the United States. I have been here at Tommy for the past semester and have been asked to share a bit about my experience here as an international student. First, I would like to thank Mim and Tom for allowing me the opportunity to speak to you all here today, and I would also like to thank everyone here at Tommy for making every moment throughout my time here memorable.

I first arrived here at Tommy months ago with no idea what to expect and only knowing one person, Matt Hicks. Despite initially sticking with Matt and going to everything together, we were split up for some activities, so I challenged myself to get out there and try to meet as many people as possible. On the first night, we played two truths and a lie as an icebreaker activity. One of my three clues was basketball-related, and after I mentioned that, as soon as that game was over, Phoebe jumped up and ran over to the other RAs and committee members. Initially, this did not mean anything to me until later that night, when those people began to approach me, already knowing who I was. Although initially confused to be known as the basketball guy, it instantly helped me feel more welcomed and comfortable. From that point on, my comfort only grew as I started to get to know everyone on a deeper level.

Although I have only been here for one semester, I have learned numerous things during my time here. One of the most significant things I have applied daily is being open to trying and learning new things. Moving to the opposite side of the world and living alone in a foreign country can be intimidating. There are so many facets of life that are new or different that can make the initial adjustment difficult, such as driving on the left side of the road, driving on the right side of a car, learning Australian football, and of course, the accents and slang. Adding uni onto all of this as well causes life to become quite busy. In all seriousness, approaching things with an open mind and perspective has proven valuable in enhancing my experience here. I would not trade being here for anything in the world because of how many positive experiences, interactions, and lasting friendships I have been lucky enough to create. I also have been wildly fortunate to have the opportunity to live here, at Tommy. It is difficult to

imagine how different my experience would have been if I were living anywhere else. **Tommy has repeatedly shown me how it distinguishes itself from all of the other colleges. First, Tommy has a great competitive spirit. As a competitive person myself, this was fun to dive into. From sports to music and even service, there has always been a fun, driving motivation at college. That leads me to my next point, which is service. Answering to and being involved in your community says a lot about the kind of life that you strive to live, and seeing how frequent, how enthusiastic, and how many people were involved in service here at Tommy made me eager to become a part of this myself. Next, the academic atmosphere at Tommy encourages a strong balance between social life and academics. It is comforting to know that my peers continually want what is best for me and are always so eager help in any way they can. This brings me to my final point, and throughout my experience, the most valuable of them all. Tommy's community is unmatched. This is seen in everything I've done, including each thing I've mentioned today. The community at Tommy could not be more inviting, caring, and passionate, and this legitimately shaped and added so much to my experience.**

Finally, I would like to extend some additional thank you's to some people. First of all, thank you to all of the Tommy More staff. The maintenance crew, housekeeping team, and dining hall staff have put in so much work throughout the entire year to ensure that everything here at college runs smoothly.

Second, I would like to give a big thank you to Janienne. I am confident that the college would struggle to operate without Janienne working hard behind the scenes.

Finally, I would like to thank everybody sitting here today. Thank you for making this past semester truly unforgettable and a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I have felt sincerely welcomed by everyone I've met here and appreciate the laid-back and genuine vibes. I am grateful that I have been lucky enough to call Tommy home and will never forget my Tommy family that I have grown so close to. After all, there's only one.

I sincerely appreciate you all. Let's have a great night.







SOCIAL EXPERIENCE FOR THE YEAR



This year has been the most chaotic, exhausting, character-building, yet incredible adventure I've experienced to date.

Being on the STMC Student Club Committee as your Social Representative contributed to this as both my most significant peaks and most prominent troughs for 2023.

In semester 1, we held the annual 'River Cruise', which didn't go the way I'd hoped, to say the least. The committee and RA's had to throw all event planning overboard when the boat refused to leave the docks due to a mechanical failure. Although this incident truly terrified me, it only goes to show that even though things don't always go to plan, there are still valuable lessons to be learned.

However, I wasn't going to back down, and our next event was 'The Great Escape'. This saw groups of bananas, Teletubbies, fairies, Sesame Street characters and 'The Hangover' take to the suburbs of Perth and complete the ultimate scavenger hunt.

I want to give a special mention to 'Gorls on Tour', who got tattoos dedicated to Tommy More, only to find out they had been disqualified from the race.

My last event for the year was 'The Honeymoon', which celebrated the friendships within our tight-knit Tommy community. First, we had a ceremony at college, followed by a bar crawl through Leederville and the City. I felt immense relief when it was over, but I also bawled my eyes out.

Social Rep has been my baby this year, and it was over just like that. The late-night Tucky indulgences with Katherine, the bank adventures with Louis, Chad and Riley, the highly anticipated slideshows to brief an event and the last-minute panic messages to Molly. I never appreciated it all at the moment; however, these are the memories I cherish the most.

I would also like to thank DJ Dizzle (Darci) and Cam.den for DJing at all my events and taking one thing off my plate.

Sienna H is the 2024 Social Rep, and I know she will do a fantastic job. I look forward to working with her and elevating the role even further.

Chad, thank you for being the most incredible President and always stepping in or just listening to me when I needed a vent. I aspire to be like you next year.

So, that's a very brief recap of 2023 from your Social rep's POV. Thank you so much for having me.

Bridie Bowden
Social Representative 2023





ALUMNI SUNDOWNER



Tommy More hosted our annual Alumni Sundowner, where over 80 of our alumni had the chance to catch up with old friends and make some new connections. It was a fun and enjoyable evening, and we look forward to seeing even more alumni being involved.

We believe that the presence of our alumni will add tremendous value to the Tommy community, and we cannot wait to hear more about their achievements in years to come. Thank you to everyone who made the event such a success!



JOIN THE YOUNG ALUMNI COMMITTEE

Tommy More is establishing a Young Alumni Committee, and we are looking for applications from our young alumni of all backgrounds. You would be involved in organising events and activities for Tommy alumni under the age of 35 that are centred on career guidance and personal growth.

Please send a brief application (no longer than 200 words) to alumni@stmc.uwa.edu.au if you are eager to be part of the committee and contribute back to your alumni community. Application deadline is 15th February 2024.

BE A CAREER MENTOR

The Tommy Mentoring Program allows our Alumni to retain a connection to the College, widen their professional network and share valuable industry knowledge with students to help them progress in their careers. We have a number of ways (webinars, panel sessions, and in-person connections) in which we aim to provide mentoring and industry knowledge to our students. Email us at alumni@stmc.uwa.edu.au if you are interested in being part of this program.

SHARE YOUR NEWS!

We love sharing the news of our Alumni and keeping in touch - your articles and updates are a great source of interest to our past, current and future students. Wedding photos, career updates, achievements - we want to know!

Send us a photograph and your news to alumni@stmc.uwa.edu.au and let us know if you're happy for your news to be published in an upcoming edition of The Utopian.

DO WE HAVE YOUR DETAILS?

Don't miss out on news, networking events and reunion invitations for Tommy More! Make sure you keep us in the loop with your latest contact details - you can update them on our website or call us on 9386 0111.



GIVING & SUPPORT

For some students, particularly those from regional areas, attending a College can mean the difference between achieving a tertiary qualification or not. Tommy More aims to provide an exceptional university experience, in all its facets. However, the reality for some is that they are unfortunately unable to afford that experience. Therefore, the College is trying to bridge the gap for residents who may find themselves in financial hardship.

If you are a past resident, we know that you will fondly reminisce about the years when you once lived at the College. A time when you would have forged life-long friendships and created amazing memories. As we seek to grow our offering, we hope that future residents, who may otherwise have missed out, will get to experience our wonderful community and create their own memories, just like you did.

To help achieve this goal, the College has established the St Thomas More College Scholarship Fund. It is envisaged that this fund will grow over time and that the proceeds from it will provide opportunity for many more students than is currently possible.

To do this, we need your help! With the cumulative power of giving we can achieve great things, together.

To make a donation, please visit our website www.stmc.uwa.edu.au/giving-and-support

Confidential enquiries with respect to the Scholarship Fund and prospective bequests can be made with the Director of Finance by emailing h.carnachan@stmc.uwa.edu.au or calling 9386 0111.



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