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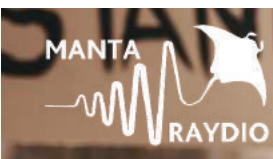
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BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



What a truly exciting month it has been! Grades 6 to 10 went on camp as part of their Outdoor Experiential Education programme. Camps provide students with a week of outdoor learning, challenging them in new and uncomfortable environments which aids in the development of social awareness, positive relations, teamwork, communication skills, cooperation, compassion for others and respect for diversity. Thank you to the students for participating in all the events, and to all the staff who helped facilitate the camps and make them such a success!











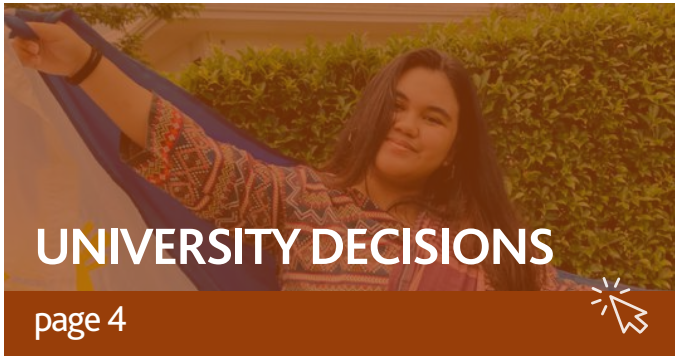
In this week's episode, we play songs of protest. Some of these songs are anti-war and some are anti-racism, but all of them are speaking out against injustice. We at Manta Raydio want to live in a world where people respect each other and we can all live without the threat of violence. It is important that people are aware of the conflicts around them and find ways to listen to each other, work together, and make a better world for us all. This episode features 7 songs from around the world. 🇨🇦 Canada- Buffy Saint Marie, 🇧🇷 Brazil- Criolo, 🇩🇪 Germany- Nena, 🇷🇺 Russia- Olga Romanova, 🇳🇮 Nigeria- Burna Boy ft Chris Martin, 🇮🇱 Israel- Hadag Nahash, 🇲🇽 Mexico- Maná.

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GRADE 10 PERSONAL PROJECTS

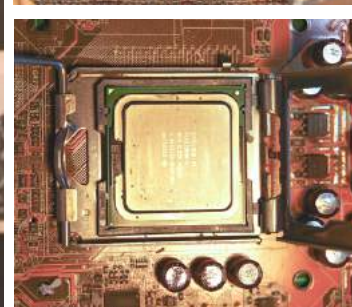


Anucha's personal project was developing his own painting style using acrylic paint. His advice for future grade 10 students:

"Pick something you think you're going to like. Don't pick something you like a lot already. My friend chose video games as his topic and was sick of them by the end of the project!"



Emma created a box of positivity cards to make others feel positive energy. "In the beginning I was quite confused and had the urge to give up. Thankfully Kru Remke and my supervisor helped guide me in the right direction, and by revisiting my goals it reaffirmed - you can do this!"



Nakhon restored old computers and is donating them to local villages that don't have the means to buy them.

"Many people donated working, although dated, computers to me for this project. When a new model comes out they buy it so as not to be inconvenienced by old hardware. Instead of throwing old machines into the landfill, I feel that we should donate them to people who can't afford to buy their own computer".



[See more of the projects in the photo album](#)



Read our Three-Year Annual Report 2018-2021 to learn more about our **Outdoor Education Programmes.**



UNIVERSITY DECISIONS

For our grade 12 students, semester 1 of the 2021-2022 school year was the busiest time of their education at UWC Thailand. Not only were they meeting numerous deadlines for their Diploma courses Internal Assessments, studying and being assessed on new content, participating and/or leading a wide variety of service/volunteer/CCA activities, they were also submitting applications to universities around the world as part of the Early Decision application round. The university application process is incredibly arduous for our students as they make decisions about the next step in their education. In some instances, they write up to eight supplemental essays trying to distinguish themselves from the hundreds of other highly qualified applicants. For those applying for scholarships, they also need to complete complicated applications.

Continuing the trend of the last couple of years, applications have increased substantially, particularly to the USA. For example, Barnard College saw an increase of 17% from last year with 1,501 Early Decision applications. Brown University saw an increase of 11% compared to the graduating class of 2025.

This year, we had our largest number of Early Decision applications too. Fortunately, we saw great admission rates for many of our students. Of the 16 students who applied early, 11 students were accepted, 2 had their applications deferred to the Regular Decision pool, and 3 were unsuccessful in their application. Furthermore, students who applied for financial aid have received offers of \$2,350,000 in scholarships for the four years. Below are the universities our UWC Thailand students have been accepted to so far.

- Len Peters, School and University Counsellor



"On 16 December 2021, I got my acceptance from my early decision which is Colby College in Waterville, Maine, USA. When I was looking for a college that I believe suits me most, I was immediately drawn into Colby, which is why I didn't hesitate to partake in their Early Decision application (binding). Now, I am completing and confirming my financial package from the college which I got almost full support - 95%!! I am now committed and proud to be part of Colby's class of 2026!"

- Lethyce Gamiao (Philippines; UWC Thailand 2022)



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GRADE 6 CAMP

Khao Sok: Jungle Camp



We learnt to work as a team to get water from a banana tree using a straw made out of bamboo.



We went cave hiking, kayaking, played games, learnt survival skills and made art from nature.



We were taught how Kanom Jak, a traditional Thai candy, is made.



On our hike, we learnt survival skills like which spiders and plants are poisonous in the wild and which ones to avoid.



The best thing about camp was that we got to know our friends better!

GRADE 7 CAMP

Koh Lon: Dinghy Sailing Adventure



Skills we learnt: Through group activities such as cooking, sailing, tying knots, building sand castles and more, we improved our teamwork, communication and cooperation skills. We have learned to better respect nature and the environment around us, and make sure to take care of it by not littering and by cleaning up after ourselves.



Difficulties we experienced: Sleeping in tents, sailing with no/heavy wind, getting stung by insects and jellyfish, getting sunburnt and dealing with the monkey, Coco!



Coco aka "Demonic Monkey"

GRADE 8 CAMP

Krabi, Thailand



Our goals for camp: To challenge ourselves and do all the activities
• Get to know the students and teachers better • Have fun!

Our achievements: We all tried every activity successfully
• We spent time getting to know students and staff • Tried to enjoy everything and not complain!



What challenged you? Rock climbing challenged me the most, because of my fear of heights.

How have you grown? I overcame my fear and now I am not scared to rock climb anymore. - **Chint Chint Han**



Anything amazing happen? A monkey jumped on a classmate's boat and started attacking him.

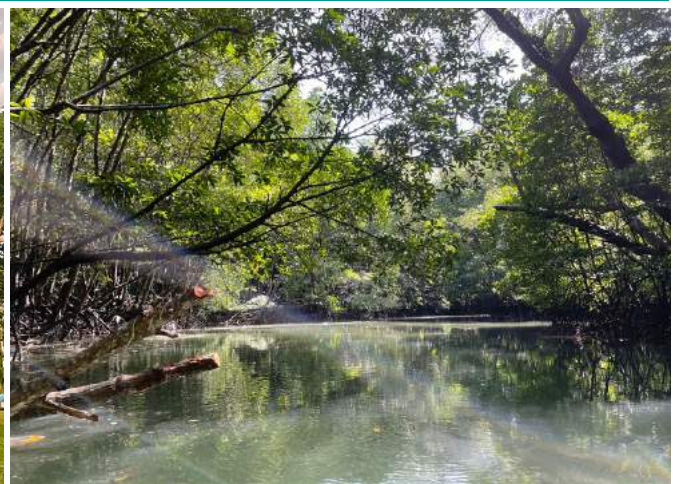
GRADE 9 CAMP

Phuket: Kayaking Expedition



Our goals for camp: To always try our best, not to give up, and to finish camp • Get to know teammates better • Help each other.

Challenges we experienced: Bad weather made it very windy and difficult to kayak • Minor injuries • Kayaks were heavy to carry • Hiking in the rain.



We went on a 9-day kayaking trip for part of our Duke of Edinburgh's International Award. We kayaked a total of 66km, which is about halfway around the island. Overall it was a very balanced and well-paced trip with intense days and rest days. Kayaking can be both relaxing and challenging - a combination of admiring the spectacular views and wildlife and trying to race against the wind. We've all experienced a lot of personal growth, and developed our abilities to work with one another. Our grade 9 class felt a stronger connection with each other after this trip. - **Angela Li**

GRADE 10 CAMP

Phuket: Yachting & Maritime Skills



Our goals were: To get better at sailing and learn to tie knots correctly • To collaborate well as a team • Learn new survival skills

Challenges we faced: Engine failure
• Rough water • Putting up our tents
• Cooking our own food • Getting sunburnt
• Other teams stealing our food!



3-DAY RAFT CHALLENGE

The objective was to build a raft that would carry our team across the pool in a relay race. We had to use our rafts to get across the pool 8 times. The challenge taught us how to tie knots correctly and also showed us how an engineer would tackle a task like this. It was a great lesson in creativity, teamwork and cooperation. A great challenge!





PARTNERSHIP

We are excited to announce that UWC Thailand has signed a three-year Memorandum of Understanding for a Rental Agreement with The Playyard, effective January 2022. This partnership is the culmination of a collaborative effort between members of our School Board, Engagement Committee, Head of School, School Director, and Director of Outdoor Education.

The Playyard is a beautiful beachfront space ideal for outdoor sports, creativity, mindfulness and recreation. UWC Thailand has been using this fantastic location for several years to enhance our Outdoor Education programmes by organising field trips and facilitating outdoor learning for all students from nursery to grade 12.

This partnership is an important step in the development of our Outdoor Experiential Education programming at UWC Thailand. It provides us with a permanent space to store our outdoor equipment and bolsters our transformational educational experiences by ensuring our students have a place to immerse themselves more frequently in outdoor activities.

Our students currently use this space weekly for outdoor learning, kayaking, sailing, mountain biking and a host of other activities, including school camps. In addition to curriculum-based programming, the Playyard also hosts the UWC Thailand Sailing Club and weekend programming for our boarding students.

As part of this agreement, students, teachers and parents will receive discounted rates on food, accommodation and kayak rentals when visiting The Playyard outside of school hours.

Benefits and discounts we will receive:

- A free day pass to utilise all available facilities within The Playyard premises, including the pump track, the main tent and all trails
- 10% discount on food and beverages
- 50% discount on weekend SUP and kayak rentals
- 10% discount on caravan rentals

Remember to present your school ID!



We encourage you to visit The Playyard to experience this wonderful space that will continue to benefit our students through our Outdoor Education programming for the foreseeable future.



Celebrating our newly renovated boarding house!



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"There is a newfound feeling of family that I feel is different from the previous years that I've been here."

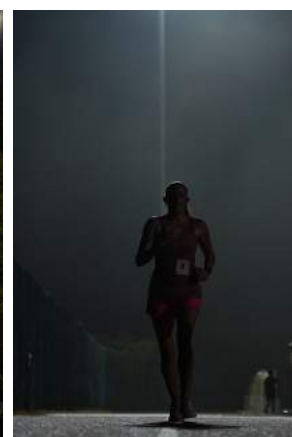


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"With such detailed and intentional design of the lounge interior, it has transformed the lounge into a place where people feel like they are at home."



24 HOUR RACE PHUKET



2,000 kilometres • 200,000 Baht raised

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TOMORROW

UWC DAY

WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY 2022