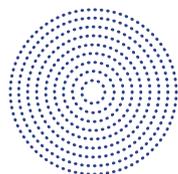
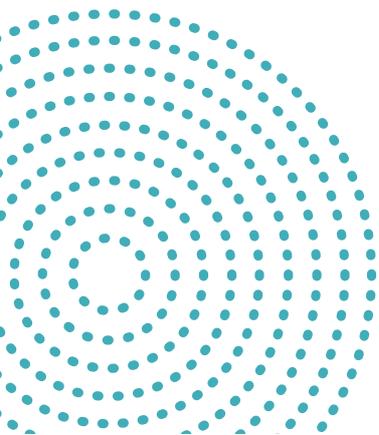
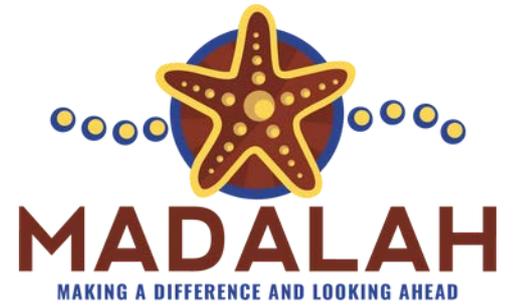
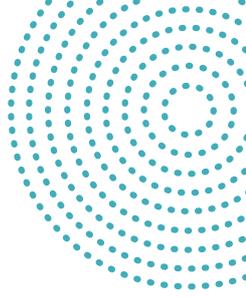
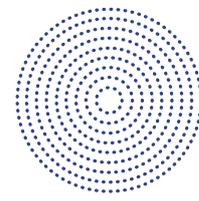


MADALAH Highlight Report

Semester 1



JANUARY TO JUNE
2022

MADALAH ORIENTATION

MARCH - APRIL 2022

Each year MADALAH hosts our Year 7 Camp and Orientation Day to welcome new scholars as well as catch up with our existing scholars. Unfortunately due to COVID-19 restrictions at the start of 2022 we had to cancel these two events. Our priority was and is to keep our students, families and staff safe during this time.

Although we were unable to bring our scholars together, the MADALAH team visited each of our 23 partner schools in term one to deliver our first ever series of individual orientation sessions. Where we weren't able to facilitate in person sessions on school grounds, MADALAH staff engaged students in a meaningful orientation through online platforms.

The students all participated in yarning circles to discuss their holidays and start to the new year. They also completed a wide range of fun activities, including UNO, an Indigenous game called Buroinjin and connecting over art by designing canvas paintings with posca pens. Buroinjin is a traditional Aboriginal game from the Kabi Kabi people of South Queensland and it was a big hit with our students.



Students also had the opportunity to look at the Indigenous Language Map and identify where they were from, leading to amazing discussions about cultural identity and heritage. This also showed students that they are often connected to the same place.

At the end of each orientation session, students were handed a MADALAH pack full of goodies, the packs included items such as a stress ball, journal, hat, t-shirt and pen. Year 12's also received a Year 13 Checklist so that we can begin to help them prepare for life after secondary school.

Hearing the students talk about the support MADALAH provides along with the opportunities the students are presented with at each of the sessions was incredible! The individual orientations were a great success and gave MADALAH the opportunity to connect with our students and also allowed them to open up about their stories, cultural identity, heritage and the journey that they are on.

We look forward to hosting our annual Year 7 Camp & Orientation Day next year, bringing the MADALAH Family together to catch up and welcome our new scholars in 2023!

AMHFA TRAINING

MARCH 2022

MADALAH staff completed an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aid Course which was facilitated by Rosalie Kickett. The course was conducted over a two-day period and we learnt the skills required for providing initial help to a person who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health issue. Throughout the two-day course, we completed 6 sessions that focused on what mental health is, anxiety, drug & alcohol problems, depression, non-suicidal self-injury and psychosis. We learnt the signs, symptoms and process that is required when a person is experiencing a mental health illness.

The main focus during the course was to learn and further develop our knowledge of cultural competency and cultural safety when providing mental health first aid. MADALAH staff want to ensure that we are able to provide mental health first aid to our 416 scholars if they are ever experiencing mental, emotional, spiritual and/or physical struggles.



We would like to thank the lovely Rosalie Kickett for facilitating and conducting an informative and engaging course for us; MADALAH staff feel informed and equipped to provide mental health first aid to our mob.

It was also great to be able to offer and share this opportunity with two of our partner school coordinators from Perth College and St Brigid's College.



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FORTESCUE-MADALAH PARTNERSHIP LAUNCH

MARCH 2022

MADALAH staff and scholars were excited to join Fortescue Metals Group (Fortescue) to celebrate the launch of their new partnership.

Under this partnership, Fortescue will directly support eight secondary and three tertiary scholars from the Pilbara to achieve their educational aspirations at some of WA's leading boarding schools and universities.

During the launch Hale School students Kade Higgins (year 9) and Isaiah Stevens (year 10) thanked and acknowledged Fortescue for joining our MADALAH family.

We were very proud of both boys for stepping out of their comfort zone to be involved in a board room briefing with Fortescue chief executive Elizabeth Gaines and for speaking so well in front of lots of new people whilst being streamed to the entire Fortescue workforce.

MADALAH thanked the Fortescue executive team by presenting them with scarfs and ties designed by current secondary scholars.



MADALAH MENTORING

MARCH 2022

Our first round of mentoring sessions for 2022 commenced in March and our theme for session one was cultural connection.

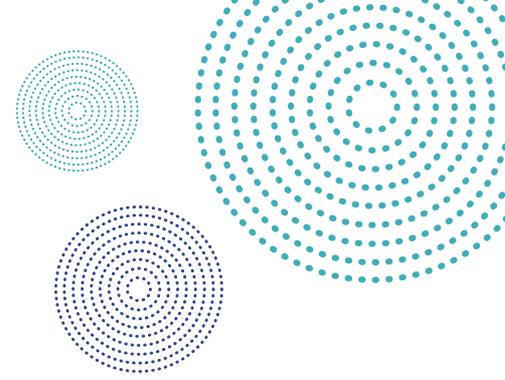
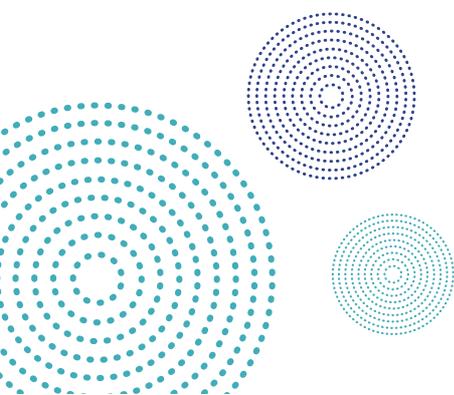
Each mentoring session started with introductions of both mentors and students as for many this was their first time meeting each other. We facilitated yarning circles, creating a safe space for our scholars to share how they stay connected to their culture and what makes them proud to be Indigenous. Our yarning circles also allowed students and mentors to share their family traditions and why Aboriginal heritage is so important to us.

This topic encouraged students to engage with their group of peers and also brought out a sense of pride as they were able to speak openly and passionately about their mob, country and connection to culture.

In addition to the mentoring session, MADALAH staff and mentors worked with students to complete their Individual Leadership Plans, giving staff insight into their future aspirations and dreams. Staff and mentors guided and encouraged students to chase their dreams no matter how big or small!

Thank you to our amazing mentors who conducted these sessions ever so well!

At MADALAH we love to see our mentors be role models to our scholars and build connections with them throughout the year & beyond.



GOLD ROAD RESOURCES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MADALAH!

APRIL 2022

We would like to thank Gold Road Resources for partnering with us!

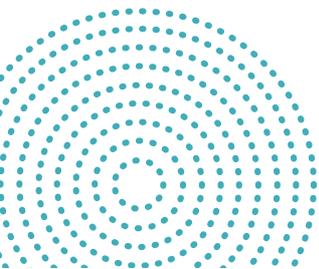
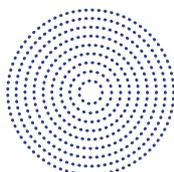
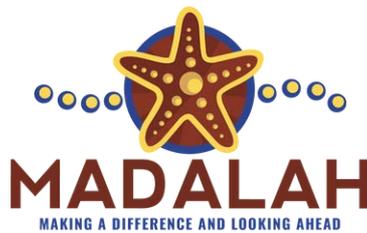
This partnership will enable us to support an additional 4 secondary scholars to gain access to a private education, either in Perth or the Goldfields.

We enjoyed welcoming our Gold Road - MADALAH scholars to the MADALAH Family in semester one at our individual Orientation Day and mentoring sessions!

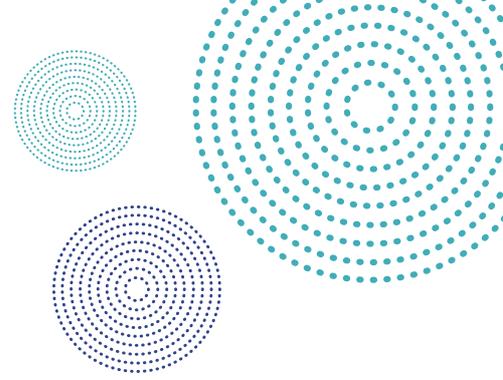
We appreciate the support from our corporate partners as it enables us to provide even more Indigenous students with educational opportunities at WA's leading boarding schools.



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PILBARA & MID-WEST REGIONAL TOUR



APRIL 2022

Our regional tour in the Pilbara and Mid West continued into the month of April with the MADALAH team driving from Broome to Geraldton and back to Perth.

During the trip we stopped in Broome, South Hedland and Karratha where we held a community session for families interested in our scholarship program. In addition to this session, we also had the opportunity to conduct student visits, school meetings and community engagement events, which saw us yarn and connect with so many within the local community.



Our trip was full of many highlights, but what we enjoyed the most was being able to hang out and build strong relationships with our regional MADALAH students attending St Mary's College Broome in Broome and Nagle Catholic College in Geraldton. We absolutely loved having the opportunity to catch up with these students whilst travelling and are very keen to get back up to our northern schools to continue working with those awesome young people and support them throughout their secondary education journey.



KARIYARRA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MADALAH!

APRIL 2022

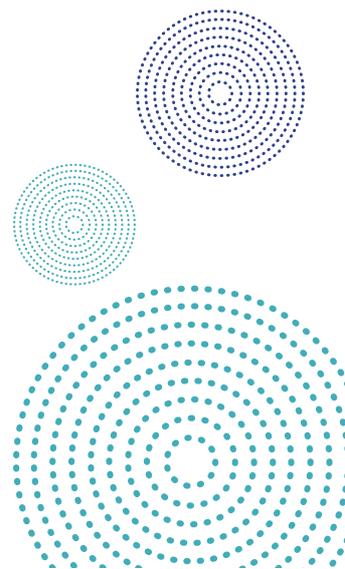
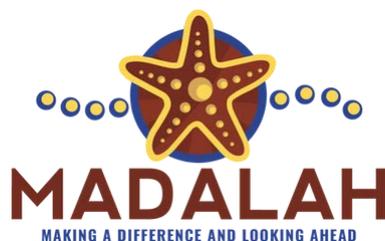
Earlier in the year, MADALAH partnered with the Kariyarra Aboriginal Corporation to provide scholarships to siblings, Tyrell and Zaliya Edgar!

Tyrell and Zaliya are from the Pilbara region and have been given the opportunity to attend Guildford Grammar School as boarders! They are traditional owners of the Kariyarra mob which means that this partnership is not only about providing scholarships to Indigenous students but also linking connections back home to their mob.

This is particularly special as Zaliya wrote in her application that “being Indigenous is how we often make all of our connections to other Indigenous families and then we realise we have so much family to share our lives with”.

We are super excited that Tyrell and Zaliya are able to share their education journey together at the same school.

Thank you Kariyarra, we look forward to working together throughout 2022 and beyond in Closing the Gap for young Indigenous students in WA!



GOOD NEWS STORIES

JANUARY - JUNE 2022

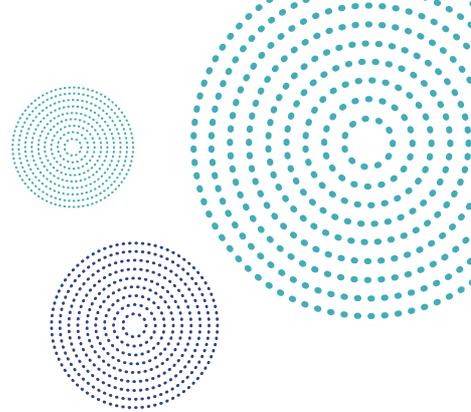


Photo Credit: Guildford Grammar School

Jalen Coppin and Jettah Cuimara

Congratulations to MADALAH Scholars Jalen Coppin and Jettah Cuimara on their induction at the start of Term 1 as Guildford Grammar School Year 12 Prefects!

Jettah is also the first Aboriginal female to be elected to the Year 12 Leadership Team at GGS ever!

We look forward to sharing this journey with them both!

Selena Thompson, Bernadette Gregory and Angelica D'Anna

Congratulations to St Brigid's College students Selena Thompson, Bernadette Gregory, and Angelica D'Anna on becoming Year 12 Representatives for 2022!

Selena Thompson ~ Head Boarder
Bernadette Gregory ~ House Leader for McAuley
Angelica D'Anna ~ Boarding Council



Photo Credit: Penrhos College

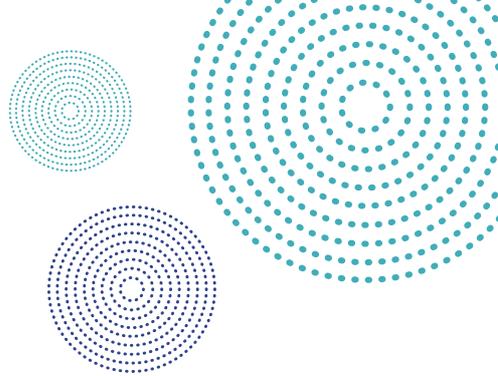
Hayleigh Duck

Congratulations to MADALAH scholar Hayleigh Duck on being nominated as the Year 12 Boarding Representative for Arts and Activities at Penrhos College.

We are super proud of Hayleigh and can't wait to see her excel further in this leadership role!

GOOD NEWS STORIES

JANUARY - JUNE 2022



Shontae James

We are always so happy to see our alumni succeed in employment and life post secondary school. This shout-out is to a 2021 MADALAH graduate Shontae James who is now an educator at a before and after-school care centre. She has been working closely with MADALAH family members and it is so special to see her working back in the community.

South Summit

Perth-based band South Summit, consisting of 3 MADALAH Alumni and their 2 mates have continued their community work, performing at Casuarina Prison in February. The boys connected with staff and inmates sharing their own intimate stories of growth and transformation. We were honoured to be invited along by the boys and could not be prouder!



Sydney Marsden

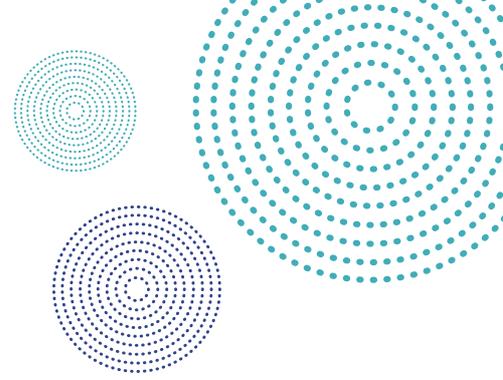
Congratulations to 2021 Nagle Catholic College Graduate Sydney Marsden, who was awarded a certificate of merit for her outstanding ATAR results earlier this year.

Sydney consistently achieved A and B grades throughout her final years of secondary school and we are so proud to see that all the hard work paid off!

Sydney was also awarded a MADALAH Tertiary Scholarship for 2022 and we cannot wait to see what new goals she achieves this year at university! She has also signed up as a MADALAH mentor and is working part time at our partner school, Penrhos College!

GOOD NEWS STORIES

JANUARY - JUNE 2022



Selena Thompson

Year 12 student Selena Thompson from St Brigid's College was presented with the prestigious Mercy Education Award.

Selena is a student who espouses the core values of Mercy Education and the Award was presented in recognition of her significant contribution to leadership in the Mercy Tradition of Education.

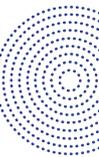
Selena demonstrates the Mercy Education values of Compassion, Justice, Respect, Hospitality, Courage and Service. Congratulations Selena!



Montanna Campbell

MADALAH scholar, Montanna Campbell who is supported to attend Bunbury Cathedral as a boarder created her school's boarding hoodie for 2022. Her design features Aboriginal symbols; representing life at the boarding house. The symbols included are possum, emu and kangaroo tracks, people, family, elders, campfires and waterholes.

We are super proud of Montanna for creating this amazing design and for educating her school community by sharing her culture!



GOOD NEWS STORIES ~ SPORTING

JANUARY - JUNE 2022



Indi Buswell

The winter basketball season is fast approaching and in the South West, the Bunbury Basketball Association (BBA) hosts a huge competition every year. Within BBA there are several teams registered including one from our partner school, Bunbury Cathedral Grammar. They have their very own basketball club where scholar Indi Buswell is a competitive and dedicated team member.

Indi is a very committed player and her talents have been rewarded on and off the court in the 2021/2022 season. She finished the season as the team's Most Valuable Player (MVP) as well as receiving the BBA's 2021/2022 Year 7 Girls' Division 1 MVP. These tremendous achievements truly demonstrate Indi's basketball skills!

In addition to Indi's passion for sport, she also has a strong passion for women's rights and equality for all within our community. We are super proud of Indi for speaking up at a young age and expressing her positive mindset.

MADALAH are excited to continue supporting and being a part of Indi's journey, whether it be through sports or a pathway with women's rights and equality.

Lewis Nannup

Congratulations to iContracting - MADALAH scholar Lewis Nannup from Wesley College who recently competed in a Heptathlon at the State Combined Championships event. In addition to this, he also competed in the U17 State Relays.

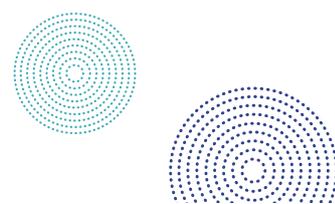
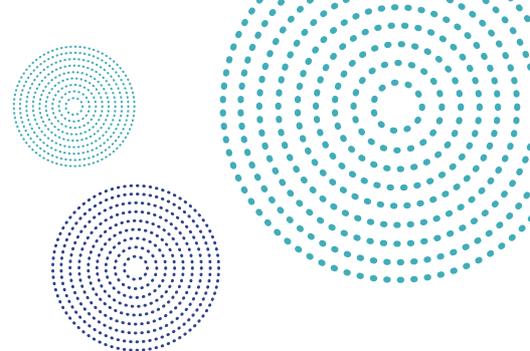
A Heptathlon consists of 7 events; 100m hurdles, high jump, shot-put, 200m sprint, long jump, javelin and 800m run!

During the Heptathlon, Lewis achieved personal bests and overall he was awarded a bronze medal for his efforts. In the U17 400m relay, Lewis alongside his team members won and was awarded a gold medal.



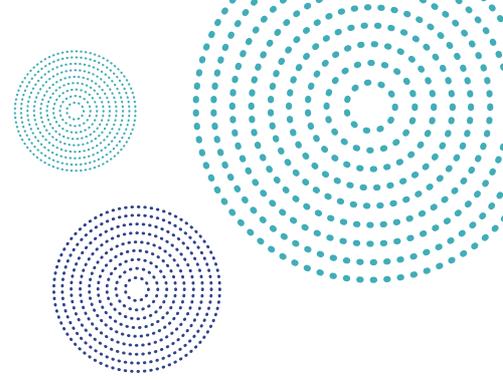
Malachi Desmond

Congratulations to MADALAH scholar Malachi Desmond for being named 2022 Rookie of the Year - AUBA Men's Premier League. Malachi is the youngest player in the league at 16 years old. The team at MADALAH are super proud of Malachi and his achievement!



GOOD NEWS STORIES ~ SPORTING

JANUARY - JUNE 2022



Jade Dimer

Congratulations to MADALAH scholar Jade Dimer on her vice-captaincy at East Freo Sharks Netball Club!

Jade is currently playing for the Gold Industry Group Western Australian Netball League (GIGWANL) which is WA's elite netball and training league that provides the best opportunities for players to develop and maximise their abilities.

We look forward to seeing Jade continue to excel at netball!

ALASKAH SIMPSON

MADALAH scholar Alaskah Simpson from Nagle Catholic College recently completed her Swim Teacher qualification!

Alaskah has successfully passed her Royal Life Saving Course where she has learnt the skills, knowledge and qualifications to plan, deliver and assess swimming and water safety programs. Alaskah is now working at her local Jump Swim School in Geraldton and delivers swimming lessons to children of all ages.



Jesse Motlop

MADALAH alumnus Jesse Motlop (pictured far left) was on a MADALAH secondary scholarship and graduated from Aquinas College in 2021.

Jesse is now paving the way for our next generation at Carlton Football Club, following greats like his father, Daniel Motlop, and our very own Syd Jackson. He made his AFL debut in Round 9 against GWS which saw him kick his first goal for Carlton!

We are super proud and we cannot wait to see Jesse out on the field again soon!

Photo credit: AFL

MADALAH MENTORING

MAY 2022

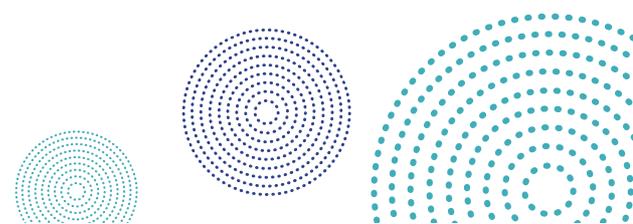
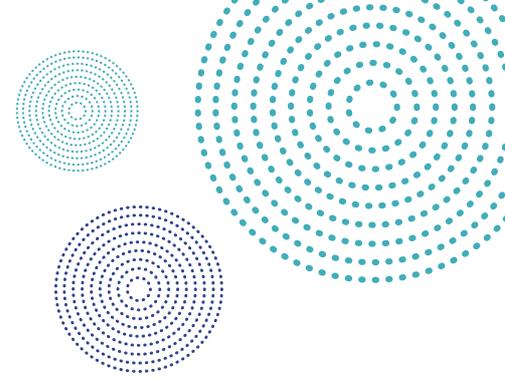
MADALAH mentors conducted our term 2 mentoring sessions in May at our 23 partner schools! The session focused on the importance of social and emotional well-being and how we can ensure students' Connection to Culture, Country, Spirit, Family and Kinship is strong and they are ready and able to embrace learning.

MADALAH staff strongly believe that raising awareness around social and emotional well-being (SEWB) with our scholars is important and helps to ensure they stay safe and reach out for support if needed. The mental health of our students is a priority and we aim to provide ongoing support to our young people in every aspect of their SEWB journey, whether it is school-related or personal.

Students took part in a group brainstorming activity where they discussed what social and emotional well-being involves. They worked together to discuss what things we can do to help our peers when they are feeling down or experiencing mental health concerns. Following this, the students and mentors formed a yarning circle where they each completed a helping hand worksheet that identified 5 support systems they could turn to if they ever needed assistance.

We also spoke about what support MADALAH can provide, including access to sessions with our psychologist and organising one-on-one visits with a member of our student support team. Our scholars felt even more supported receiving this reminder and reassured that they are not alone.

The student's engagement in this topic was amazing to see and we thank our mentors for their fantastic efforts in delivering this session to our secondary students!



OUR TRIP TO THE SOUTH-WEST

MAY 2022

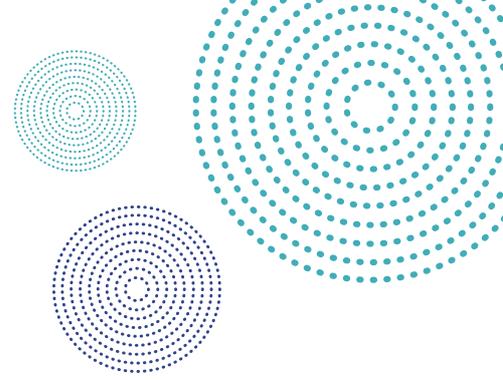
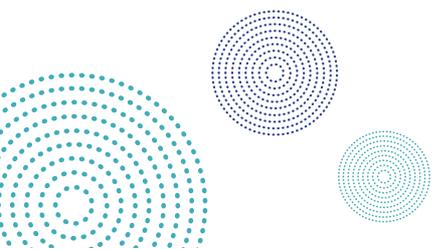
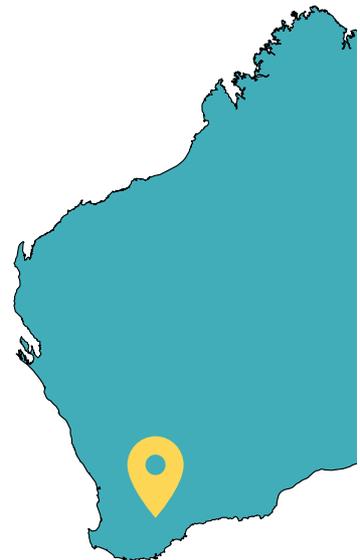
On Wednesday May 4th, MADALAH staff headed to Bunbury to deliver the second round of mentoring to our South West scholars and also held a community information session for interested families. Our three school sessions were awesome, with heaps of engagement, meaningful conversations and activities.

This was our second mentoring session for the year and focused on the importance of social and emotional well-being; a topic that encompasses a wide range of factors including students' autonomy, self-confidence, self-esteem and their attitude towards themselves and others. MADALAH staff strongly believe that raising awareness around social and emotional well-being (SEWB) with our scholars is important and helps to ensure they stay safe and reach out for support if needed. Students took the lead in answering questions as well as introductions between themselves and the new MADALAH staff.



We held a community information session for current and future MADALAH families and had a great turnout with lots of families attending as well as staff from our partner schools.

We look forward to returning down south to visit and support our Bunbury scholars and their families in the near future!



NORTHERN STAR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MADALAH!

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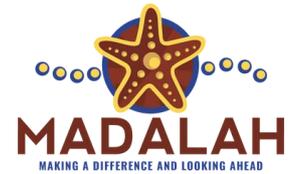
MADALAH recently partnered with Northern Star Resources Limited!

We held a partnership launch to thank Northern Star for partnering with MADALAH and allowing us to provide scholarships to tertiary students to study at Australia's leading universities. Under this new partnership, we will be directly supporting 11 tertiary students from all regions of WA.

The launch started with an Acknowledgement of Country from tertiary scholar Isaiah McKenna, followed by tertiary scholar, Brianna Ozies who thanked Northern Star for their support and shared with everyone how this scholarship has helped her with completing a Doctor of Medicine. She stated, "this scholarship has not only alleviated financial stress during my university studies but has also made me become a better student and I can feel this difference."

Unfortunately, five of the students being supported couldn't celebrate with us on the day, but Northern Star will be supporting these students throughout their education journey and look forward to catching up with them at the next event.

Hilary Macdonald from Northern Star then shared a few words about how important it is to provide scholarships to tertiary students to help with alleviating stress and providing them with the opportunity to focus on their studies.



Brianna then presented Hilary with a glass Coolamon, handmade by students from one of our partner schools; Prendiville Catholic College. The Coolamon is a traditional Aboriginal carrying vessel with curved sides. Their shape, like a canoe, mimics the journey of life, they are traditionally used to support many points of that journey. MADALAH feels that this fits beautifully with what they do, supporting students throughout their education journey and beyond.

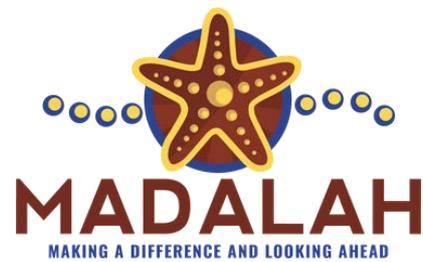


The support that MADALAH receives from our corporate partners like Northern Star allows us to provide quality education to Indigenous students, leading the way in generational change through education. MADALAH would once again like to say thank you to Northern Star for working with us to make a difference.



SOUTH32 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MADALAH!

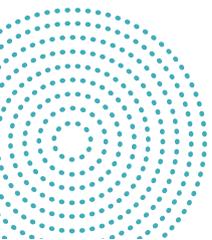
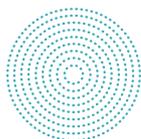
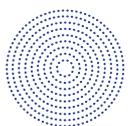
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MADALAH is excited to announce its partnership with South32!

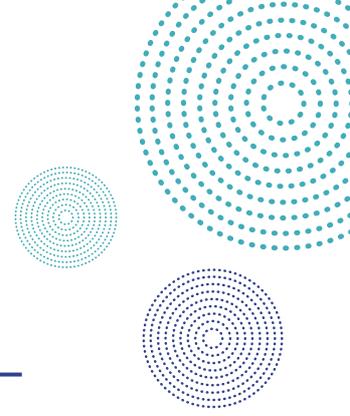
Under this new partnership, we will be directly supporting 10 tertiary scholars undertaking studies at WA's leading universities. These scholars are completing extensive courses including a Juris Doctor, Bachelor of Engineering, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Law.

Thank you South32 for choosing us to partner with to provide more opportunities for our tertiary students, many of whom have graduated from secondary school and were on MADALAH secondary scholarships. We are very fortunate that we are able to continue to support these 10 students with their tertiary endeavours.



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AND BOARDING AUSTRALIA ~ NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

JUNE 2022

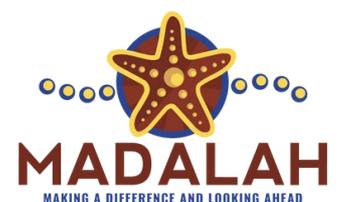


The MADALAH Team headed over to Newcastle NSW to be apart of the conversation around what works to support Indigenous students at the Indigenous Education and Boarding Australia national symposium.

We spent three days connecting with vastly experienced educators & boarding professionals from sectors such as boarding providers, scholarship providers, representatives from Abstudy, school staff, transition services and research experts in Indigenous education from throughout Australia. It was inspiring to hear what works and to share what we do at MADALAH, we also sat on a panel to take part in discussions about scholarships and student retention.

The honourable Linda Burney addressed the symposium as our new Minister for Indigenous Australians and reminded us why we are all in the positions we are, she also spoke about the untapped knowledge of our young people and making sure we create safe spaces for our next generation of leaders to grow.

We would like to express our gratitude to IEBA, Greg and the team for running such an amazing event and to the team at Murrock Culture & Education Centre for their hospitality.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR TERTIARY SCHOLARS

JUNE 2022

This year's theme for National Reconciliation Week is a challenge to all Australians – individuals, families, communities, organisations and government to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians. We want to empower our students to be a part of the change. So we asked four of our Northern Star – MADALAH tertiary scholars what reconciliation means to them.

Brianna Ozies is completing a Doctor of Medicine and Isaiah McKenna is completing her Bachelor of Laws. Both scholars are studying in Perth away from their home in the Kimberley. Simon Hayward is completing his Bachelor of Science, majoring in Exercise and Health and, Amos Smith is completing a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Conversation Biology.

Brianna's message: "The theme 'Be Brave. Make Change' resonates in both of us as we relocated away from home and family to further our education so we can make a change for our mob through health and justice. We are the up and coming generation that will continue the work of those who came before us, following their bravery and aspirations for change, so our people can have a better, brighter future".

Isaiah's message: "Reconciliation to me, means delving into our nation's past, recognising wrongdoings, hurt and harsh truths and learning and growing from those examples. Though the idea of reconciliation seems broad and as if such a feat would be impossible in Australia, it is evident that times and people are evolving. In reconciling Australia, and most importantly in reconciling mob, it is of principal concern that we help heal our old people, educate our young and that more and more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices are amplified and provided with the opportunities to work in spaces where they are uplifted and can address and remedy the issues facing them, rather than outsiders. Reconciliation means greater sovereignty for the mob, togetherness, wisdom seeking and a greater sense of peace and understanding".

Simon and Amos came together to share their message: "What reconciliation week means is us as a nation recognising the genocidal policies that were inflicted on our people by the government which caused so much suffering, loss and trauma, and going through that healing process to bring both cultures together so we can all walk the same path together."

Our tertiary scholars are role models to all of our secondary scholars and we are so proud of them for sharing such powerful messages.



EDUCATION AND WELL-BEING DAY 2022

JUNE 2022

June saw us host our Education & Well-being Days for our scholars attending each of our 23 partner schools.

This event spanned the entire month across four locations, one being in the Southwest for our Bunbury schools and one in Geraldton. Thank you to the City of Greater Geraldton for donating the venue for this event with our Nagle Catholic College scholars.

Each day began with an Acknowledgement of Country by one of our students, followed

by the group being split into juniors and seniors to ensure the topics discussed in our sessions were relevant to their age group. Students rotated through 4 engaging and interactive sessions facilitated by Spartan First, and our Student & Families Support Team.

Thank you to Janelle Campbell-Cooke, Sean Wolf and Des Headland from Spartan First for facilitating our first session, exploring the topic of social and emotional well-being and providing our students with the opportunity to learn, listen and engage. Spartan First is an Indigenous occupational health provider based in Perth whose mission is to empower Indigenous communities.

The framework for social and emotional well-being recognises the importance of culture, land, spirituality, family and community as central to the well-being of Aboriginal people, as well as how the policies and events from the past influence our wellness. Through sessions like this, we are equipping our scholars with the knowledge and strategies about how to care for their body, mind, and spirit as well as ensure that students can reach out for support if needed.

The team from Spartan First, in partnership with MADALAH also provided our students during this event with the opportunity to have a Health Assessment if they wanted to.

Our second session was conducted by the MADALAH Student & Families Student Support Team which explored the topic of Career Pathways. One of the Career Pathways activities challenged the students to think about employability and what employers look for when recruiting. Students broke into groups and were invited to create outfits from a selection of clothes and discuss amongst themselves what was and wasn't professional.





The session also explored resume writing, comparing resume examples and asking students to comment on what they felt was the most suitable. For the senior group, this session was particularly important as many of the students are already thinking about their future career plans and aspirations. The MADALAH team shared the potential pathways students could take whether this is employment, further study at TAFE, university or a trade/apprenticeship. The students were also interested in how we could support them through this process in our Year 13 Program.

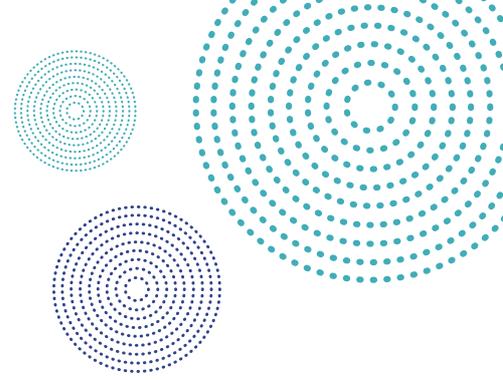
For our third session, all students came together as one group to yarn with MADALAH staff in a collaborative session about 'walking in two worlds'. MADALAH staff explained who they are, what their role is at MADALAH and what support they can provide to each scholar throughout their education journey. They then went on to talk about their own experiences and how they personally learned to successfully walk in two worlds. As part of this session, students were also given contact information so they can reach out to an appropriate member of the MADALAH Student Support Team at any time. Students then split into small groups and answered a series of questions, including, what has worked well this year in school, what worked well with MADALAH and what kind of support do you want/need from MADALAH.

Our final session ended on a high note with a fun game that saw students take part in the MADALAH games which featured the game Buroinjin; a traditional Aboriginal game from the Kabi Kabi people of South Queensland. Buroinjin is a game that has characteristics similar to AFL, rugby, and basketball. The game is played on a square field which is around the same size as a soccer pitch. Players must throw the ball to each other, running in any direction to avoid being touched. They can also run as far as they want. In scoring a point, teams must bring the ball over their score line and if they are touched by an opposing player they must stop and throw the ball straight up in the air; each team will compete for possession. This was a fantastic way to end each day and our students enjoyed their time using teamwork to work together to score points!

We were so proud of all our students from each of our partner schools for their engagement and energy!



PERTH NETWORKING CLUB ~ FORMAL UPRISING EVENT



JUNE 2022

MADALAH staff and scholars were invited to the Perth Networking Club's Formal Uprising Event at Market Grounds to speak about who we are and what we do!

Charles Mallard spoke about his experiences, both being on scholarship during school and now his role as part of the MADALAH Student Support Team. TJ Walker, a MADALAH secondary scholar enrolled at Guildford Grammar School then spoke about his education journey so far and what the scholarship means to him.

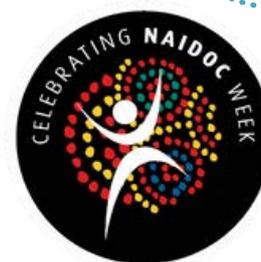
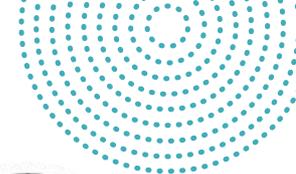
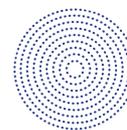
The Perth Networking Club meets regularly to consciously network and learn about the world around us; sharing and listening to many incredible stories. We were grateful for the opportunity to share part of our story!

MADALAH is very thankful to the Perth Networking Club and our supporters for purchasing tickets as 50% of THE ticket sales were kindly donated to MADALAH!



NAIDOC AWARDS 2022

JUNE 2022



Alkira Hansen ~ Empowerment Award

MADALAH nominated Alkira Hansen for the Empowerment Award, an award given to a person who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, vision, empowerment, and cultural identity.

Alkira was the successful recipient and was awarded on the night for her commitment to sharing Aboriginal culture through her art designs! Alkira is supported to attend Guildford Grammar School as a Year 7 student and has her own business called Alkira Designs. Alkira creates her own key chains, earrings and bookmarks with the vision to see all Indigenous kids across Australia wearing her key chains with pride!

Alkira is an active member within the Indigenous community and attended our 2021 End of Year Sundowner to showcase and share these beautiful items with all in attendance.

We cannot wait to see Alkira's leadership skills continue to grow throughout the remainder of her secondary school journey and beyond!

South Summit - Artist Award

MADALAH nominated and sponsored the band South Summit which includes MADALAH alumni Nehemiah Reuben, Joshua Trindall and Isaiah Reuben and, their two friends Fynn and Nathan.

South Summit was the successful recipient of the Artist Award, an award recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists. South Summit go out of there way to give back to the community including hosting a workshop at Casuarina Prison, to give musically inclined inmates some entertainment and comradery.

They also play at many events across Perth including the MADALAH Graduation and MADALAH Ball where we come together to celebrate and recognise the achievements of Indigenous students.

They have reached half a million streams, featured in Triple J's unearthed artist of the week in February, their single "Tired of Waiting" is in full rotation on triple j and the film clip is on the regular rotation for MTV.



NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

JUNE 2022



Prendiville Catholic College

On the 27th of June MADALAH staff celebrated NAIDOC with our Prendiville Catholic College scholars.

To kick start NAIDOC week for the college, Sandra Harben, a Whadjuk/Baladong Noongar Elder completed a beautiful and engaging Welcome to Country complemented with a smoking ceremony. All students took part in the ceremony, giving them the opportunity to understand the importance and significance of a smoking ceremony as an opening for NAIDOC Week. Our MADALAH students were highly engaged and involved, assisting their on-site mentor Levi with the creation and completion of the sand mural and most importantly, showcasing their culture to the rest of the school community.

After the opening event, MADALAH staff and students came together around the 'yarning circle' where they went on to each complete an Individual Leadership Plan (ILP for short). Perth was blessed with sunshine and warm weather on this day, so we took full advantage of that.

We were so happy to be involved and witness the start of Prendiville's NAIDOC Week celebrations and always enjoy the opportunity to catch up with our amazing scholars! We look forward to seeing them all again next term!



Trinity College

On June 28th, MADALAH staff attended the NAIDOC Assembly at Trinity College.

It was a fantastic celebration with year 12 students Colby Sibosado and Tryse Rioli MC'ing and the Trinity Indigenous students putting on an amazing dance and Didgeridoo performance. After the assembly, the Indigenous students invited their families and staff to attend a morning tea where there was a lot of mingling and a thank you speech by Dustin Aylmore to conclude this fantastic event.



Wesley College

On June 23rd, the Wesley College Moorditj Mob performed a series of dances to the entire school on the NAIDOC/Reconciliation Week sand mural located on school grounds. It was amazing to watch our Wesley boys share their culture with such pride!

We are so proud of their performance and for being able to represent their culture to their fellow peers and teachers!