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REFLECTING ON 2022

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As the 2022 year draws to a close, I would like to reflect on the amazing year we have had supporting our 416 young people at our 23 partner schools!

During the year the team at MADALAH carried out 245 school visits, and our mentors conducted 92 mentoring sessions, carried out multiple social and emotional wellbeing reviews, monitored and supported students at educational risk, created individual leadership plans for all students and focused on career pathway plans with our seniors! Our students' positive interactions and yarns have been some of the many highlights for our MADALAH sessions.

For students at each of our partner schools we conducted Orientation events, Education & Wellbeing Days, attended their NAIDOC celebrations, hosted our biggest Youth Leadership Summit and held our very first MADALAH Student Showcase! We also held Tertiary Networking Events & supported them with their social and emotional wellbeing. My personal highlight has to be hosting our biggest Graduation Dinner, in partnership with Future Footprints, where we celebrated 84 Year 12 Graduates and 17 Tertiary Graduates; we are making a difference in the lives of our young people, their families and their communities.

We travelled to the Pilbara, Mid West, South West and throughout the Goldfields, ensuring regional families are informed about the opportunity to gain access to a private education not always available in their home town. We received 205 secondary applications for 2023, of which we managed to award 105 scholarships.

In line with Closing the Gap we successfully partnered with Fortescue Metals Group, Gold Road Resources, Kariyarra Aboriginal Corporation, Northern Star Resources, South32 and the Roy Hill Community Foundation! This meant we were able to support an additional 50 scholars who would have otherwise been turned away and eleven more to total 61 in 2023! I am very proud that these organisations chose MADALAH and we are very grateful for the opportunity to facilitate these scholarships on their behalf.

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A focus this year for me was to ensure our newly expanded team had the opportunity for professional development to support us all in ensuring the support we provide to our young people is culturally appropriate, safe and supportive of their wellbeing. As a team we completed Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid Training, Code of Conduct & Disclosure Training, Sexual Health Training, Bronze Medallion and Case Note Writing and Salesforce Training. We attended the WA Mental Health Conference and attended both the Indigenous Emerging Business Forums held in Perth and in the Pilbara. We also attended the Indigenous Education & Boarding Australia - National Symposium which was invaluable. We spent three days connecting with experienced educators and 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. A highlight at the end of the year was taking our newly appointed Head Girl and Head Boy on a visit to Canberra where we attended Parliament House, met with the National Indigenous Australians Agency and toured the Australian National University whilst connecting with one of our Tertiary scholars there.

In addition to educating ourselves, our Indigenous Student & Families Support Team collaborated to create a MADALAH Cultural Education Training program. The purpose of the program is to educate school staff and to help guide and support them on how best to engage with Indigenous students from throughout WA whilst they are navigating the western school system. We have facilitated this program at a handful of our partner schools and look forward to rolling this out further in 2023.

I would like to personally thank all of our students, their families, our partner schools and communities who have played a key role in working together to support our 416 young people to achieve their educational outcomes this year.

I would also like to thank the National Indigenous Australians Agency and all of our corporate partners for the financial support, and also the positive relationships we have and the additional support and benefit this brings to our young people.

Last but by no means least I would like to thank the MADALAH Board for their continued investment of time, support and dedication and to my amazing team, thank you for your hard work, support and relentless passion in supporting our young people in 2022.

2023 promises to be a huge year for MADALAH and will see us supporting 461 young people; our largest cohort yet!

Have a safe and relaxing festive season!

Best wishes,

Laura Taylor - CEO, MADALAH Limited

MEET OUR NEW AMBASSADOR YULU MCGRADY

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Yulu is a highly motivated and results driven professional, with a deep passion for business & leadership development. Yulu thrives when tasked with building connections with key stakeholders and clients, using strong emotional intelligence.

Yulu works within Fortescue's Community, Environment & Government team, tasked with creating economic development opportunities for Native Title partners and Aboriginal businesses.

Yulu is committed to encouraging and empowering the next generation of Indigenous leaders to take advantage of the vast career opportunities within the resource sector.

Yulu is a proud Goomilaroi man originating from Toomelah Mission, located in northern NSW.



MADALAH HEAD TO CANBERRA!

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MADALAH staff took Head Boy, Oshay Calgaret and Head Girl, Jorjah Walley on a very special trip to Canberra at the end of November!

Our first stop was a lovely catch-up over breakfast with tertiary scholar, Latoya Jones who is supported to attend Australian National University where she is studying both Psychology & Law!

We were then taken to her campus to meet Aunty Anne who runs the Indigenous Program. It was so lovely to see what an inclusive and supportive family they have at Tjabal.

Our next meeting was with our long-standing funding body National Indigenous Australians Agency where we got the opportunity to share information about our program in person and express our gratitude for their ongoing support.

We were also lucky enough to meet the advisors to the Hon Linda Burney MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians, Senator Thorpe and Senator Cox who gave us the opportunity to join them and sit in on question time at the House of Representatives!

To end our trip to Canberra, we headed to Parliament House to celebrate the National Indigenous Times turning 20! Minister Burney announced the exciting news that NIT is going Australia wide!

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LML INSURANCE GROUP - SET SAIL ON THE LEEUWIN

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LML Insurance Group were one of our many successful bidders for auction items at the 2021 MADALAH Ball! Due to Covid restrictions they were unable to book until later this year!

On Wednesday 7th December they shared an experience of a lifetime sailing to Rottnest and back with 80+ Clients and Partners on the stunning Leeuwin Adventure Sail Ship.

Many on board had a go at hoisting the sails and some brave folks tried steering the great ship!

"We had a sensational day and made it back just in time to watch the stunning lighting storm from Gage Roads Brewery, where we had snacks and refreshments. This was an amazing prize to bid for and we would highly recommend any company to have a go!"

Our 2023 MADALAH Ball will be held Saturday 5th August at Crown Perth!

Stay tuned for more info in the New Year!



GUILDFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL SCHOOL CELEBRATION

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Guildford Grammar has an amazing history of Indigenous students attending and graduating from their school, the first Student to achieve this was a man named Charlie Burns originally from Wyndham all the way back in 1906 which was an incredible achievement for an Indigenous person at the time.

Fast forward 116 years and in 2022 Guildford Grammar School has its very first Indigenous female graduates, MADALAH scholars Jettah Cuimara and Rikara Taylor. These two young ladies have created history within Guildford by graduating and were presented with a beautifully painted plaque by fellow MADALAH and Guildford student Ivyana Vinci.

They were also presented with a sign for the renaming of the Guildford Grammar Student Business Centre which will now be named "The Burns and Cuimara Mandjoogordap Student Business Centre". This powerful name was chosen by fellow Indigenous 2022 graduate Jalen Coppin.

This is a beautiful tribute to the three trailblazing graduates as their journeys have and will create many more pathways for Indigenous students through schooling at Guildford Grammar School.



PILBARA REGIONAL TOUR

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The MADALAH team headed to the Pilbara in December.

This tour included visits to Karratha and South Headland where we visited new and existing families. We visited and met with lots of schools and organisations to highlight the opportunities which are available to Indigenous students in the region and promote our Scholarship. Applications are now open for 2024!

We were very fortunate to be able to attend the first ever Indigenous Emerging Business Forum (IEBF) held in the Pilbara. This was an inspiring day listening to Indigenous businesses and people in the community. We were also entertained by performances from John Albert from Scrap Metal and Broken Tides! It was a great opportunity to showcase the options available for our next generation of emerging leaders.

Thank you to everyone who took the time out to meet with us and help spread the awareness of the opportunities MADALAH can offer.



TERM 4 MENTORING NAGLE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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MADALAH staff recently made the trip North to sunny Geraldton to hold their Term 4 mentoring session visit for 2023. This session was a lively and enjoyable one, with students keeping very busy participating in activities throughout the day. Some of these included individual art pieces, sport, games, MADALAH mentoring content and a guest speaker.

The mentoring subject for this session focused on a timeline of significant events that have happened and effected Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia. We discussed events and significant findings from 60,000 years ago to 2022. The purpose of this content was for students and staff to learn about the aboriginal history that they may not have gotten the opportunity to learn about at school, and to help them become advocates of the true and accurate history of Indigenous Australia.

We are extremely proud of our Nagle students and cannot wait to see them in the new year!

Our special guest speaker for the day was past Wesley College graduate and scholarship recipient Gavin Mallard. Gavin spoke to the students about his journey coming from an Aboriginal Community in the Midwest called Barrel-Well and heading down to Perth for schooling and Football commitments.

Gavin spoke about his experience attending a private school and the hardships that came with that journey. He shared his experiences with racism, homesickness, and cultural differences. Gavin had a very important message to share and that is for students not to take their educational journey for granted and always lean on their support networks when they need help. Students were very engaged during his speech and asked many questions after his yarn.

The day ended with some basketball and kicking the footy before a walk down to the beach to dip their toes in the water.

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SEDA COLLEGE'S BALDJA MOB DAY

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MADALAH staff recently attended SEDA College's Baldja Mob Day and facilitated a mentoring session with the group!

The topic for this session was to explore and discuss Australian Indigenous History. Students completed three separate activities encouraging a lot of conversation around the timeline of our history. We explored significant dates and also added key present dates.

We also discussed the different ways of living from colonisation to pre-colonisation.

We all agreed that our mob then and now still hold and carry so much resilience and that is a virtue we aim to pass onto the next generation.

We thank the Baldja Mob students for being so engaging and open in this session and look forward to catching up again!



PENRHOS COLLEGE 2023 RAP COMMITTEE LAUNCH

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MADALAH staff were recently invited to attend Penrhos College's RAP Committee Launch.

This gathering was opened with a beautiful Welcome to Country from Wadjuk and Ballardong Elder Sandra Hebern (Collard). This was then followed by the Principal's speech which included a big thank you to MADALAH Staff and Mentors for supporting scholars and creating a safe space for students to engage in cultural conversations through our mentoring sessions.

Our MADALAH scholars received an Indigenous Flag pin each which they will all wear proudly on their blazers.

We would like to say a huge congratulations to our Penrhos leader Jilaya Collard who was awarded First Nations RAP Captain and presented an inspiring speech to the group. Jilaya always shows such great leadership skills and we can't wait to see how her passion and positivity will help her thrive in this important role.

Huge Congratulations to Talicia Griffin for designing the RAP booklet cover representing the Stolen Generation with such an amazing design!

We are ever so proud of our girls for striving so well! We can't wait to see what the RAP committee achieve next year!

STUDENTS COLLABORATE TO CREATE UNIQUE ARTWORK

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During our final school visits for 2022, we have been working on completing a fantastic artwork collaboration that has been created by past MADALAH student and 2010 Scotch College Graduate Kamsani Bin-Sellah, formally known as Kambarni.

Kamsani has designed two amazing pieces, Yongka's (kangaroo's) on Boodja (country) and Waugal (Serpent) and Weitj (emu) legs. This art style is a Kambarni special where it engages young people of all artistic abilities and helps create a space for learning and sharing.

These pieces were created specifically for students to be able to fill in the gaps with their own artwork, this is to give young people the opportunity to paint/draw their own artistic expression and stories.

MADALAH scholars from all of our partner schools had the opportunity to paint or draw on this piece to show their artistic expression stories.

We are super proud of our scholars for collaborating on this unique piece of artwork!



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