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# WELCOME TO COUNTRY

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On Sunday 12th February, MADALAH and Future Footprints co-hosted the 2023 Welcome to Country at the Kings Park Exhibition Ground. 300 students from across our partner schools attended this special event along with MADALAH, Future Footprints and members from the AISWA board and staff.

The Welcome to Country included a smoking ceremony by Vivienne Hansen and Simon Forrest, and an interactive dance workshop facilitated by Rickeeta Walley from the Ngalak Nidja Dance Group.

Before coming back together to share lunch, the students collaboratively and proudly showcased their culture through traditional dances that they had just learnt entertaining the crowd with their talents!

It was a wonderful morning for all students, staff and parents who attended and we cannot wait to see our scholars continue to embrace the year ahead!



# YEAR 7 CAMP

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**MADALAH staff, mentors and students officially kicked off 2023 with our very successful Year 7 Camp on the 18th - 19th February.**

**The camp was held at Point Walter Recreation and Conference Centre for our Perth and South West based students.'**

**We would like to acknowledge Morgans Financial for kindly sponsoring this event. We thoroughly enjoyed having Tom and Sam come and join us to meet our students and team, and participate in the Welcome to Country. We sincerely thank them for their generous contribution which helped bring our camp to life!**

**A group of 46 students arrived at lunchtime on the 18th, and were presented with a wonderful Welcome to Country hosted by Rickeeta Walley and the Ngalak Nidja dance group members Jayden Boundry, Dylan Shillito, Nathan Donald and Ash Penfold. Students and staff were welcomed with traditional dances and music, followed by a smoking ceremony. We would like to say a huge thank you to Ngalak Nidja and Rickeeta Walley for coming out and welcoming our students with their amazing energy!**

**After the Welcome, students participated in a series of team building activities including high ropes, orienteering, mixed sports and flying fox. After cooling down in the pool and some dinner, they were able to mingle and have some fun at our student disco! This involved a photobooth, glowsticks, limbo and a lot of music, bringing day one to a close.**



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On day two students enjoyed a cooked breakfast and spent the day rotating across four different stations run by our staff and mentors. These stations included a cultural workshop held by Jayden Boundry, Dylan Shillito & Rickeeta Walley, Yarning Circle, ILP station and a collaborative art piece station, where students also received MADALAH merchandise to take home. Our event was a huge success!

It was amazing to see our cohort of Year 7's form new friendships, work as a team and build relationships with our MADALAH staff and mentors for the first time. We welcome them to the MADALAH family.



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

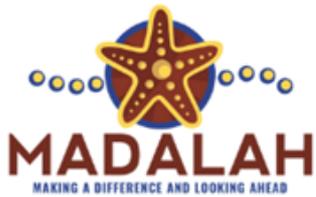
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**Congratulations to our 2022 MADALAH graduate Tanai Shedley who has officially started his electrician apprenticeship at JANDCO Electric's Bunbury.**

Tanai was supported by Water Corporation during years 11 and 12. Tanai has always expressed an interest in becoming an Electrician and we at MADALAH are super proud of Tanai for sticking to his guns, working hard and achieving his goal!

We are super excited for him and wish him all the best.





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