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After these passionate and inspiring speeches, the graduation certificates were presented by MADALAH Student & Families Support Manager, Casey Drummond, and Future Footprints Aboriginal Education Consultant, Andrew Beck. Each scholar received a graduation certificate, student portfolio and a beautiful wall hanging of WA that represents the student's connection between MADALAH and/or Future Footprints and their hometown. The wall hanging featured artwork designed by Guildford Grammar students.

Finally, the 2022 MADALAH and Future Footprints Excellence Awards were presented to seven outstanding students who excelled in Academia, Sport, Service & Leadership and Entertainment & The Arts.

Beau Wuruki from Guildford Grammar School was the recipient of the MADALAH – Future Footprints Year 12 Academic Excellence Award for 2022. Beau strives to achieve good results in all areas of learning and extracurricular activities. He is interested in pursuing a career in chemical engineering or aviation. As a current cadet, he dedicates his time to this as well as tutoring young Indigenous boarders within his school, all whilst following his own ATAR pathway and being a school prefect.

Emmanuelle Vincent from St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls received the Service & Leadership Excellence Award for exemplary service within her school since starting there. Her contribution to the reconciliation committee has been outstanding; this year leading on a whole school reconciliation activity as well as changing the school Acknowledgment to Country to be more inclusive. She is a natural leader and is admired by her peers for her passion towards Aboriginal rights and education.

Tahj Loo from Aquinas College also received the Service & Leadership Excellence Award for his involvement in all aspects of his community, in and outside of school, volunteering his time to those who are in need. He also completed his Christian service learning in a family business that works with students in care. After this experience, Tahj commented "I always look at people as humans, all deserving respect, love and kindness and I hope those kids felt my kindness".

George Warmdean from Trinity College was the recipient of the Entertainment & The Arts Excellence Award which is a special award created in memory of Ms Lawford Wolf who was a champion of the Arts & Education and a MADALAH Ambassador. George has excelled in the entertainment and arts during his time at school. He is part of the Didgeridoo group that has played at various events around Perth, is a part of the school dance troop and leads NAIDOC celebrations. He is always setting an example to his peers and is currently undertaking a Cert II in Leadership with an Aboriginal Art component as well as Ab Music.

Talicia Griffin, a Water Corporation supported scholar from Penrhos College also received the Entertainment & The Arts Excellence Award for being a true leader to her peers through her art and creativity. She is a quiet achiever but outspoken on important matters such as representing Indigenous student matters on her school reconciliation committee. Through her powerful writing, she has discussed issues regarding lateral racism, empowering Indigenous youth and all things to do with our people.

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The final award was presented by special guests Syd Jackson and Bill Dempsey who paved the way for Indigenous athletes and are proud MADALAH Ambassadors. This award will now be called the Jackson Dempsey award for Sports Excellence.

Jade Dimer from St Mary's Anglican Girls School received the Sports Excellence Award for her exceptional skills at netball. She is a member of the East Fremantle Sharks Netball Club as a talented shooter and has had many strong performances. Her pursuit in the WA Netball League is an obvious passion and the respect she has earned from her fellow sports peers has granted her Co-Vice Captain for the 20 and under team for 2022. She has also recently been voted into the PNA 9-12 Division 1 2022 All-Stars Team for 2022.

Lewis Nannup, an iContracting supported scholar from Wesley College also received the Sports Excellence Award. He is an outstanding athlete who is a part of the school's first football side and PSA interschool athletics team. Outside of school, Lewis has also competed at state athletics championships where he has won bronze in the heptathlon, silver in hurdles and hi-jumps and gold in the 4 x 400m relay. Additionally, he is captain of the Bayswater Little Athletics Club and Vice-Captain of his school's athletics team. He has been invited to the AFL Indigenous talent program and has played for the East Perth Football Club (Colts).

Congratulations to all of our 2022 secondary and tertiary graduates and award winners! Thank you again to Trinity College for kindly hosting the event. It was a wonderful celebration of all achievements and judging by the smiles around the room was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We look forward to keeping in touch with each of our graduates and seeing where their next journey leads them!



MADALAH & FUTURE FOOTPRINTS GRADUATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

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Congratulations...

Beau Wuruki, Academic Excellence

Jade Dimer, Sports Excellence

Lewis Nannup, Sports Excellence

Emmanuelle Vincent, Service & Leadership Excellence

Tahj Loo, Service & Leadership Excellence


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LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023

MADALAH is excited to share that in 2023 we will be supporting well over 400 secondary & tertiary students to receive a quality education in WA!




We received 205 secondary applications for scholarships commencing in 2023



105 scholarships were successfully awarded to students throughout WA


THE GAP: 100 young people were unsuccessful in securing a scholarship due to a lack of funding

Here's where our 105 new scholars come from...



Region	Number of Scholars
Kimberley	17
Pilbara	12
Gascoyne	9
Mid West	5
Goldfields-Esperance	3
Wheatbelt	5
Perth	38
Peel	3
South West	13
Great Southern	0

In 2023 MADALAH will be supporting



461

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INDIGENOUS EMERGING BUSINESS FORUM 2022

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SOUTH32 - MADALAH PARTNERSHIP LAUNCH



MADALAH staff and supported scholars visited South32 to celebrate the newly formed partnership.

MADALAH Board, staff and supported scholars would like to thank South32 for partnering with us to provide scholarships to tertiary students to study at Australia's leading universities. Under this new partnership, South32 will be directly supporting 11 tertiary students in 2022 from regions throughout WA.

The launch started with an Acknowledgement of Country, followed by an insight into the company and available intern opportunities by Shane Beros, Principal of Community, and Jessica Pritchard, Principal Human Resources.

Jeanice Krakouer, MADALAH Chair, and supported tertiary scholar Jaden Dzubiel also spoke, both thanking South32 for the opportunity. Jaden is currently undertaking a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Computer Science and Management. He stated, "The scholarship allows me to focus more on university without the financial stress. It also means I am able to receive other opportunities to further advance my academic career".

Jeanice then presented South32 with a glass Coolamon, handmade by students from one of our partner schools; Prendiville Catholic College, where supported scholar Kaide Wheelock graduated in 2020. 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 we do, supporting students throughout their education journey and beyond.

It was wonderful for the scholars and South32 staff to network over afternoon tea, sharing information about their chosen fields, courses and aspirations alike.

Unfortunately, six of the students being supported couldn't celebrate with us on the day, but South32 will be supporting these students throughout their education journey and look forward to catching up at the next event.

The support that MADALAH receives from our corporate partners like South32 allows us to provide quality education to Indigenous students, leading the way in generational change through education. MADALAH would once again like to thank South32 for working with us to make a difference!

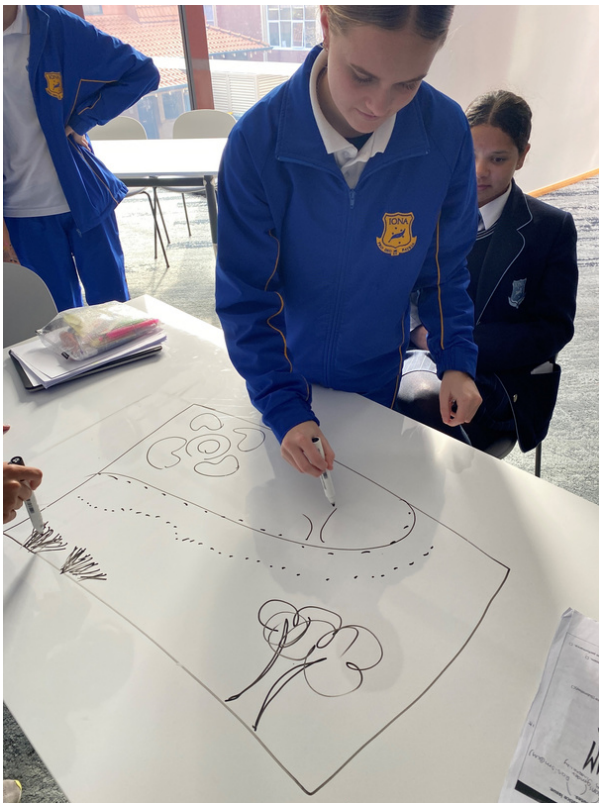
TERM 3

MADALAH staff recently attended Iona Presentation College for their term 3 visit!

Together, the girls and MADALAH staff decided it would be a fantastic idea to create an artwork piece representing the girl's school location, nature and the waterways nearby. The girls showed their teamwork skills with inclusive conversations and sharing of ideas with one another which was beautiful to see. The girls even came up with a short story for the canvas.

"As a group, we have designed a canvas based on the location of our school, which sits on the banks of the Swan River. We have incorporated local bushlands and native animals such as kangaroos and emus. Our canvas also represents our school coming together as one and yarning. The footprints represent our journey of learning at Iona".

Our Iona girls always show amazing leadership skills and it is such a pleasure catching up and creating great connections with them all.



TERM 3 MENTORING

Recently the team at MADALAH decided that it was important to have in depth conversations and activities around the Uluru Statement from the Heart, integrating it into our mentoring session for Term 3. The Uluru Statement is a national movement that focuses on the three key themes of Treaty, Voice and Truth Telling.

Treaty is defined as achieving justice for First Nations people and addressing the injustices suffered by Indigenous people. Voice is enshrining a First Nations Voice in the Australian Constitution and Truth Telling otherwise known as Makarrata (Treaty or agreement-making).

Throughout the mentoring sessions we broke down each of the themes and discussed how our students feel and think about the way each issue is being addressed. Students were also made aware about the possibility of a referendum vote to enshrine a First Nation's voice in parliament. This was important to note as the students are the ones who will be directly affected by the result of the referendum.

Students then split into two groups and wrote down/discussed ways that they themselves connect to culture and country, as well as showing an understanding of the importance of staying connected.

To finish up, students were made aware that they were able to write a letter to their MP in support of the statement and that their input would go a long way in helping the Uluru Statement from the Heart serve purpose.



NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

SEDA COLLEGE

MADALAH staff recently had the opportunity to attend SEDA College's NAIDOC celebration which included and involved the entire SEDA year 11 and 12 cohort. During their NAIDOC opening ceremony, SEDA had invited guest speaker Jayden Boundry to perform and present a strong Welcome to Country that was not only powerful through his use of language, but also engaging as the students were able to learn a few key Noongar words.

After the Welcome, Jayden introduced the Baldja Mob dancers who performed a few routines. The students stood with strength when performing and MADALAH credits them for embracing and sharing their culture through dance and storytelling. The entire crowd was then encouraged to walk through the smoke that was lit prior to the Welcome.

Jayden explained to the crowd that smoking is and was used to "let go of negative energy and to awaken and keep our individual self sane and protected." After each student, staff member and guest had walked through the smoke we all received a nice NAIDOC bag that was designed by our very own scholar Aleshea Stack. Aleshea was selected to add to the design representing SEDA WA along with four other students nationwide who had also represented their state.

MADALAH thanks SEDA College WA for extending their NAIDOC invitation, it is always fulfilling to see our culture alive and celebrated

Photo credit - Emily Andrews, SEDA College WA



NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

MERCEDES COLLEGE

Mercedes College recently held their NAIDOC assembly for 2022. It was solely run by MADALAH tertiary scholar Isaiah McKenna who is the Indigenous Liaison Officer at the school and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls. Robyn Collard, the grandmother of 2 of the girls did the Welcome to Country. They also had an original dance performance by 4 of the students that they created themselves. The girls went on to also perform the dance later in the week in front of a crowd of mercy educators and board members, as well as Santa Maria, Ursula Frayne and St Brigid's College staff.

Each of the girls received an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander pin on their blazer and also did a reading. To conclude the assembly, MADALAH Year 9 student Jarla Tass presented an original digital art piece about this year's NAIDOC theme.

We are so proud of the girls for sharing their culture with their peers and we had a great time joining them for morning tea afterwards.



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