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# YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM GRADUATION

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On Sunday 25th June we hosted the final wrap up and official closing ceremony for our very first Youth Empowerment Program. Participants, staff and families attended the whole day event, starting with the Matagarup Zip+Climb, followed by the MADALAH YEP Exhibition Match!

This program was kindly sponsored by Mitsubishi Corporation and we thank them for giving our students the opportunity to participate in this program!

Visit the below link to read more about the 10 program program!

<https://madalah.com.au/youth-empowerment-program-summary-2023/>



# 2023 NAIDOC T-SHIRT COMPETITION WINNER

KAELAN O'DRISCOLL

The 2023 MADALAH NAIDOC T-shirt competition winner is... Kaelan O'Driscoll!

Kaelan was inspired from his cultural connection to Bardi, Nyikina and Whadjuk country. He designed his artwork based on the landscapes of these areas. Kaelan has designed his shirt to represent the landmarks and water ways where our old people lived off the land.

Congratulations Kaelan!

We would also like to say a big thank you to Graphic Source for bringing Kaelen's vision to life!



# NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES PARTNERSHIP CATCH UP

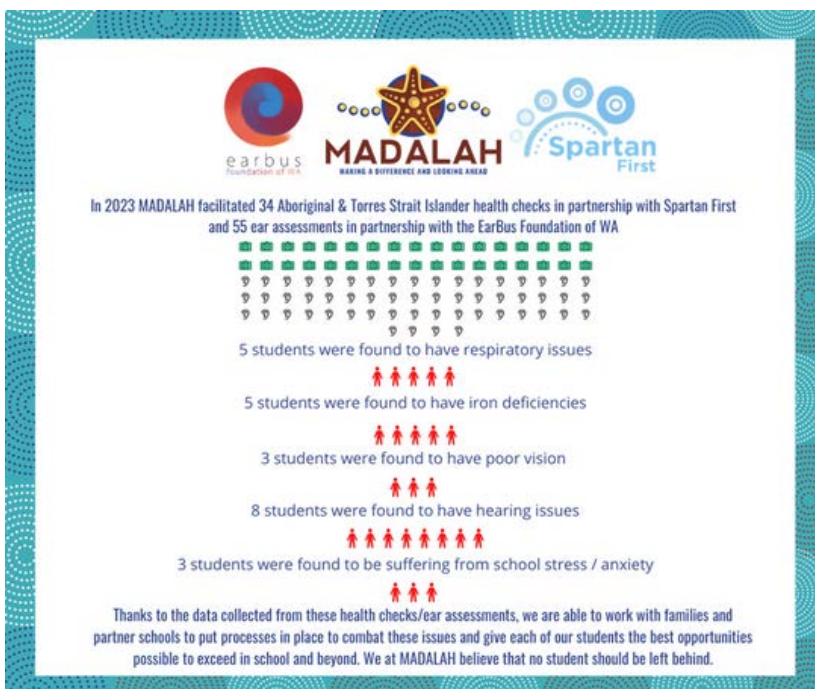
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MADALAH recently had the opportunity to meet with Northern Star Resources employees who were visiting Perth from Kalgoorlie. It was a wonderful opportunity to share more about the secondary scholarship program and provide an update on the 10 tertiary scholars they currently support!

We also connected with staff from the Curtin Aboriginal Studies Centre which gave us great insight into the support available to our scholars studying at the university.



## MADALAH HEALTH & WELL-BEING OUTCOMES



Recently Spartan First attended our Education Days and facilitated 34 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander health checks. This year, we also partnered with the EarBus Foundation of WA who conducted 55 ear assessments.

Our student's health and wellbeing is very important to us and thanks to the data collected, we are able to support our students to combat any issues and give them the best possible opportunity to excel throughout their education journey!

Thanks again to Spartan First and the EarBus Foundation of WA!

# TRINITY COLLEGE NAIDOC ASSEMBLY

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Before the end of Term 2, MADALAH had the pleasure of attending Trinity College's NAIDOC Assembly. The celebration commenced with a Welcome to Country by Walter McGuire who shared his upbringing in Noongar culture, language and customs by his parents and recognised elders. He spoke of his schooling journey at Mt Lawley Senior High School in the early 80's and how he was the first in his family to complete a degree at university.

The Assembly was MC'd by two Year 12 boys including MADALAH Head Boy Oshay Riley! Several students spoke of their experience attending the recent Kimberley Immersion program on country in Wyndham and Halls Creek. This unique experience is part of the Christian Services Program and gives students the opportunity to bond and spend time with various year levels at local catholic schools and experience their life and culture. They spoke of forming very special bonds and being able to pass on the importance of having a good education.

A select group of students were then presented with Christian Service Awards where they were recognised for volunteering their time outside of school hours for various programs helping those in need. MADALAH's Head Boy Oshay Riley received a Full Colours Achievement Award for doing 120 hours of Christian Service. Congratulations Oshay!

A highlight of the morning was the The NAIDOC dance and digeridoo performance by the Boorloo Boys. This included 16 MADALAH scholars and the performance was titled "The WAVE". This featured a traditional dance that symbolised the transition from the Kangaroo and Emu to the Wave, culminating in the Gnumby, a celebration circle. The dance honoured the NAIDOC theme for 2023, emphasising the strength and resilience of our Elders, who have stood firm in the face of adversity, just like a wave crashing against a rock. We pay our respects to the spirits of the Elders and celebrate them through the Gnumby.

We felt very honoured to be a part of this morning and were so proud of our Trinity boys!



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

KHYAN TOWNSEND

Here at MADALAH we love celebrating our students when it comes to them achieving and trying their best in their chosen fields, in the case Year 12 Nagle Catholic College Student Khyan Townsend it seems that he has done so and then some. Khyan is a proud young Yamatji man from Geraldton whose achievements this year have gone above and beyond. To begin Khyan's year, he was selected to be Nagle Catholic College Captain which is an amazing achievement in itself. His leadership skills, quiet, humble and friendly demeanor has made him the perfect fit for this position and Khyan is now paving the way for future young Indigenous male leaders within Nagle and the wider Midwest community.

Now we move outside of school and Khyan has not slowed down in his list of achievements, Khyan is a talented sportsman with his accolades stretching far and wide. Khyan is a talent on the football field as a regular player in the GNFL's Rovers Football Club League side at 17 years old, Khyan is also a part of the Fremantle Dockers NGA under 17 elite squad in which he travels down to Perth regularly for training at the Fremantle Dockers Football Club. He is also a registered Colts player with East Fremantle Football Club where he is working hard towards making selection for regular Colts WAFL games this season.

But Khyan's sporting skills do not stop with the Footy field, Khyan has recently been selected to represent Australia in the Youth U-18 category at the ITF Taekwondo World Championships in Kazakhstan in August. Since starting Taekwondo in 2017, it has been Khyan's goal to make the Australian Team at a World Championships level. Now amazingly having achieved this goal Khyan will set off to Kazakhstan with a new goal of being competitive and trying his absolute best on the world stage.

We cannot wait to see what else he achieves in the near future whether it be in sports or leadership, we are and will be incredibly proud of Khyan!



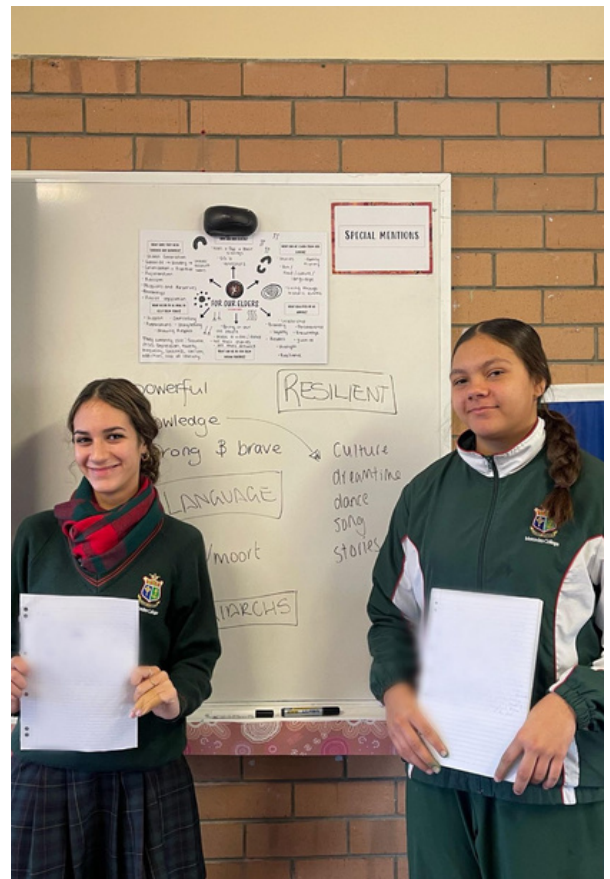
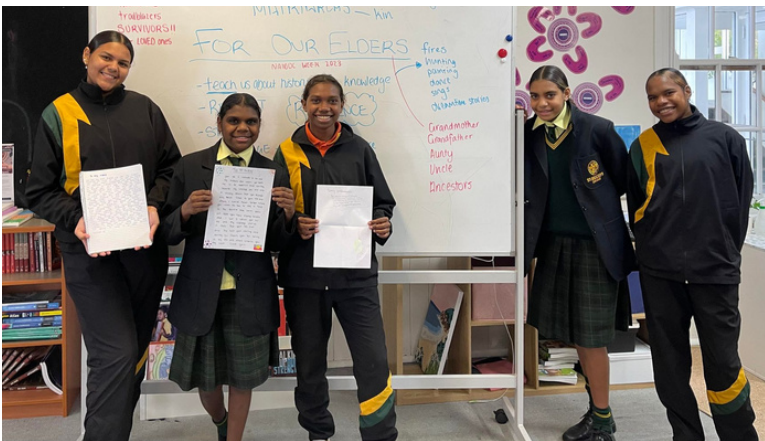
# MADALAH MENTORING

## TERM 2

Mentoring for Term 2 focused on this year's NAIDOC theme - 'For Our Elders'. Students across our partner schools yarned about the significance of this theme, and why it may have been chosen. This included some reflection of the past, and that it was our Elders today who mostly experienced the immense segregation and government actions such as the Stolen Generation.

Our mentors helped brainstorm qualities that Elders have, such as resilience and strength, as well as their importance in our cultures. Elders are survivors, they are knowledge holders and key in the preservation of our languages. We also touched on how we are a matriarchal culture, linking back to a previous NAIDOC theme - 'Because of her, we can'. All students extended their thoughts to discuss how important our female Elders are in our community and moort. Finally, we tasked students with some creative letter writing. All students wrote a letter to an Elder in their life, expressing their love and gratitude for them. It was beautiful to see the stories and memories shared!

Written by MADALAH Mentor, Shakayla Walley!



# FUTURE FOOTPRINTS CAREER EXPO

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MADALAH would like to say a huge thank you to the Future Footprints team for creating, planning, and accommodating such an amazing night for our youth on June 21 at the 2023 Future Footprints Career Expo.

We would also like to extend that thank you to all stall holders at the venue for their dedication in advising many students of the different career pathway opportunities that are available to them.

We hope all of our students enjoyed their time at the expo and took away some inspiration for their post school journey!



## NAIDOC CELEBRATION

IONA PRESENTATION COLLEGE

Huge thank you to Iona Presentation College for inviting MADALAH to be a part of such a fantastic afternoon towards the end of Term 2 when they held their annual NAIDOC Day celebration. The celebration opened with a special Welcome to Country by Barry Winmar followed by a live interview with Kevin Brahim whom also happens to be a MADALAH parent.

Kevin spoke about his family's struggles through the stolen generation and how unfortunate his grandmother and mother were to sadly be apart of this. However, this inspired his mother and grandmother to push for a better education for himself.

We were then lucky enough to watch the girls from PLC dance ever so beautifully. To conclude such an amazing event we had the opportunity to mingle together and yarn over some grazing platters, crocodile and green ants curry, kangaroo chilli con carne and much more.

We cannot wait until next year so we can be a part of this amazing celebration again!



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

SCARLETT FLUGGE

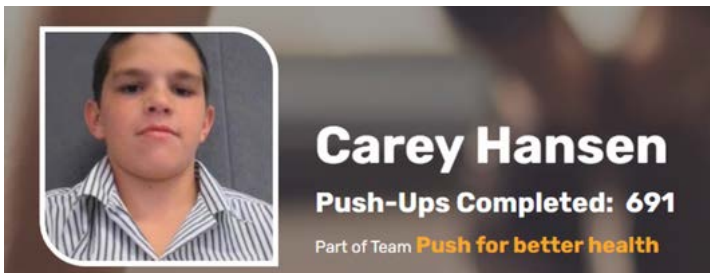
Year 7 student Scarlett Flugge has had an incredible start to her time at Guildford Grammar School. Scarlett's amazing start to term 1 was recognised when she was added to the Year 7 Honour Roll for her excellence in attitude and effort in school. This Honour Roll, is for students who have worked exceptionally hard to achieve effort ratings in the top 20% of their year group.

This is an amazing achievement and MADALAH is extremely proud of Scarlett, we were so excited to award her an Outstanding Achiever award. Good work Scarlett!



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

CAREY HANSEN



BHP supported scholar – Carey Hansen, a year 7 student at Wesley College, recently signed up to take part in The Push Up Challenge! Carey chose to support Lifeline WA and was attempting to raise funds for the important and much needed organisation in our communities. Carey said that

he wanted to raise awareness for mental health and the impact that suicide has on Australians, and was aiming to complete 3,144 push-ups across 23 days in June, which signifies the devastating number of lives lost to suicide in 2021. MADALAH is super proud of Carey for his dedication to support this very important cause.

Incredibly Carey had already completed 691 push-ups only seven days into June!

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

ROBERT HANSEN

Congratulations to MADALAH alumnus Robert Hansen Jnr, selected at pick 2 by North Melbourne Football Club!

Photo credit: North Melbourne Football Club





# CONGRATULATIONS CRUIZ CAMPBELL!

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Congratulations to MADALAH scholar Cruz Campbell, supported to attend Hale School, for playing the lead role in his school play production of Kicker Thompson. It tells the tale of Kicker Thompson, a courageous, fun-loving farm kid who dreams of becoming an AFL player but is struck down by 'the thing' on a visit to the city and can no longer leave his home in the wheatbelt. Cruz played this difficult role with sensitivity, confidence and humility and held the audience in the palm of his hand.

Well done Cruz, and congratulations on an amazing performance!



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

## DALLMYN KELLY - SCOTCH COLLEGE PIPE BAND

Whilst the majority of MADALAH students enjoyed their first term holidays at home with family, one student opted for something a little more exciting.

BHP supported scholar - Dallmyn Kelly, a year 10 student at Scotch College, is a Tenor Drummer with the Scotch College pipe band. He was selected as part of the Scotch College 2023 Pipe Band Tour. This tour ran from the 9th to the 26th of April and gave Dallmyn the opportunity to travel across the United States representing both his school and culture proudly.

The pipe band had 6 performances in the Virginia International Tattoo as part of the massed pipes and drums. Along with 800 other musicians, Dallmyn performed to crowds of 10,000 strong. The pipe band also featured in a drum line battle on the US Wisconsin against the Ukraine Crazy Drummers! In their downtime they visited iconic US locations such as Times Square in New York City and Washington DC, where they would see the White House, Capitol Hill and the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution.



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

## TAYLAH PURDIE

Waalitj Deadly Sista Girlz hosted their netball carnival between academy's and had a solid turn out from participants! During this tournament, Year 11 student Taylah Purdie from St Brigid's College, was awarded with "MVP" while competing in the position of GA!

Way to go Taylah, keep up the solid effort!



# ST HILDA'S RECONCILIATION WEEK EVENT



MADALAH were lucky enough to be invited to one of St Hilda's Reconciliation events which was so special to be a part of!

St Hilda's have an amazing Reconciliation Committee which allows the girls to all take part in the schools Reconciliation Action Plan. This year it was the Indigenous student's role to create a sand mural designed by a St Hilda's student Lesley Snowball alongside MADALAH scholar Margaret Pigram and Fortescue representee Jeffery Farrell. The girl's and Jeff created such a meaningful and spiritual connection to culture with this sand mural that represents each of St Hilda's houses which are Gascoyne, Fitzroy, Blackwood and De Grey as well as different native plants and animals. The team chose the following plants and animals for each house; representing Gascoyne is the black headed python, Fitzroy the Boab tree, De Grey the mullet (a fish) and for Blackwood the grass tree/balga tree.



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This opportunity has given the girls the chance to forge their very own connections to the boodja (land) and to each of the St Hilda's houses. It was also special to see some of our scholars from Christ Church Grammar School assist the girls in creating this beautiful and meaningful mural!

Reconciliation week is such an important and significant week for our students and schools in so many ways and it was made even more special at St Hilda's by having Jeff attend and share his knowledge especially as Fortescue are also a proud partner of MADALAH!

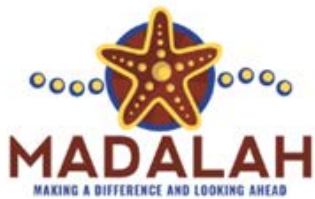
## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

CAITLIN DUCK

Congratulations to Penrhos College student Caitlin Duck for receiving an Outstanding Achiever award. With Caitlin's hard work and dedication toward her mathematics studies, she received the Academic Endeavor Award.

Congratulations Caitlin!





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