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MADALAH HITS THE ROAD

PILBARA TOUR 2023

Mid-October, the MADALAH team started off their 4-day Pilbara regional tour in the city of Karratha. We visited schools, local Indigenous businesses, youth support programs and government agencies; all who work with families and students in the region, assisting them to navigate better quality secondary and tertiary education through MADALAH. It is important that we have these connections and support systems in place to ensure that the opportunity to apply for a scholarship is achievable for all.

The final stretch of the regional tour was in Hedland, where we connected with organisations who share our passion for helping youth in community. We also visited schools, Aboriginal Medical Services and government sectors where we discussed pathways for students.

Along the way we met with new families, existing families and alumni. Thank you to everyone who took their time to connect and work together towards a generation of strong educated Indigenous youth!

Always growing our family [#MADALAHmob!](#)

Special thank you to JD Hardie for facilitating an information session in a safe space for interested kids and families. Thank you also to our corporate partner Fortescue, for helping us with accommodation whilst we were touring!



VISITING CURTIN UNIVERSITY

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MADALAH's Career Pathway, Alumni and Tertiary Support Officer (Nina), recently took students Geneva Bedford and Tanna Bellotti to visit Curtin University and explore the opportunity of a Bachelor of Education both through direct access or via the Indigenous Tertiary Enabling Course.

Mindy Oxenburgh, the Programme Manager for the School of Education kindly showed the students around Curtin University, including the teaching facilities available. Mindy also highlighted the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS) which supports Indigenous students (free of charge) by linking them up with tutors for their studies.



THANK YOU SOUTH32



South32 recently hosted a lovely morning tea where we all came together to celebrate the South32 - MADALAH partnership and the opportunities available to our supported tertiary scholars. The morning began with formalities and a group introduction, followed by information about South32 and the summer vacation program that they offer.

We watched an insightful video of an interview between South32 and Flynn Bailey, current MADALAH tertiary scholar who also works part-time for South32. To conclude such a great morning, we all came together to yarn over some delicious morning tea!

Thank you South32 for having us!

2022 GRADUATE SUCCESS STORY

JALEN COPPIN

MADALAH alumnus Jalen Coppin who graduated from Guildford Grammar School in 2022 is a proud Palyku and Nyamal man from Hedland. He has always been a hardworking quiet achiever, and strong leader to his peers who doesn't mind a yarn. Throughout the many MADALAH events that Jalen attended, he was always involved and volunteered to participate in activities and encourage others. He was someone who also put his hand up to speak at events, sometimes speaking in front of hundreds of people.

Jalen's life after school is a lot different as he is currently completing an electrical apprenticeship with BHP and absolutely loves it.

Even though Jalen has had some big changes in the past year, including transitioning from a classroom to a work shed, his work ethic, dedication, quiet achieving attitude, and the fact that he still doesn't mind a good yarn hasn't changed. Jalen demonstrated this fantastically by being one of the MCs for the 2023 MADALAH Ball. Jalen along with MADALAH tertiary scholar Keshi Moore, addressed more than 800 people on the night, demonstrating perfectly what opportunities a MADALAH scholarship can provide.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognise Jalen and his achievements so far; we are so proud of him, and cannot wait to see him achieve bigger and better things in the years to come!



CELEBRATING ALUMNI SUCCESS

KEARYN COX

The MADALAH team love to celebrate their students, including alumni and their achievements post school. Today we celebrate 2014 Guildford Grammar School graduate Kearyn Cox. Here is a little bit about Kearyn and what he had to say about his journey so far.

"My name is Kearyn Cox, I am a proud Noongar Yamatji man who is 26 years old. I am a journalist currently working as the WA correspondent for NITV news in Perth. I have the absolute privilege of telling stories for our people from the top to the bottom of WA. In my spare time I also commentate on sports like basketball in the NBL1 West competition.

I have had a lot of ups and downs over the last few years but I have never given up on my dreams. I think it is extremely important to be persistent and consistent when chasing goals. It hasn't been an easy road but I wouldn't have it any other way. I was given the chance to complete my high school studies on scholarship at Guildford Grammar School. Nine years ago MADALAH changed my life and allowed me to get a quality education.



Every morning before school I would sit down and watch the news with my breakfast. I had no idea that it would turn into a career for me. I was never really the best student and didn't work as hard as I should have. I have to work twice as hard to get the best out of myself and my potential. Since finishing school I have continued my studies at Curtin University and have learnt from some of the best journalism environments in the country such as ABC and NITV.

I am passionate about providing a platform for other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and I want future generations to know that if I can do it they can too. Education is the key to enter all the doors after school. We need strong leaders to set an example for the next generations."

We would like to thank Kearyn for sharing his story and cannot wait to see what else he achieves in the near future!

MADALAH FIRST AID TRAINING

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On Friday 6th October, the MADALAH Team completed a First Aid Course with Inspired Safety and Training. The training explored first aid basics, CPR, choking, allergies, common injuries, emergency and life support. As part of the training the team were also put through some hands on practical scenarios, making sure that they could put into action what they had just learnt. This training is so important, equipping the team with the tools to keep our students safe!



Thank you to Inspired Safety and Training for sharing your skills and knowledge with us!

VISITING THE KULBARDI CENTRE

Nina, MADALAH's Career Pathway, Alumni and Tertiary Support Officer recently attended Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre at Murdoch University, to engage with Terri McCann who is the Student Success Officer.

Terri kindly showed Nina around the facilities that Kulbardi has to offer our future tertiary students. Kulbardi offers a space where Indigenous students can go and study in the computer lab or stop in for a hot drink and a chat with the staff. To help support the student's success the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS) is also available, offering free tutoring for all Indigenous students.

The support the team at MADALAH provide to our students does not stop when they graduate, so being aware of all available options and opportunities for our students is really important!



2022 GRADUATE SUCCESS STORY

EMMANUELLE VINCENT

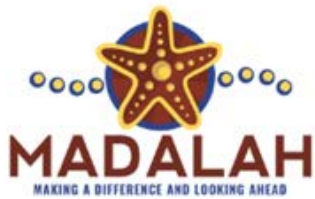
Introducing Emmanuelle Vincent, a current MADALAH Tertiary Scholar who also recently graduated in 2022 from St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls. Emmanuelle recently caught up with Nina, MADALAH's Career Pathway, Alumni and Tertiary Support Officer to share a little bit about what this year has entailed for her.

Emmanuelle is currently at Melbourne University studying a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Psychology and Criminology. Moving to Melbourne has taken her away from her home in Perth but she still has very fond memories and shared how she loved her high school experience and wouldn't change a thing.

As well as studying, Emmanuelle divides her time with her internship at 'No to Violence', an organisation that works to promote safe and effective strategies for men to reduce domestic and family violence.

Emmanuelle highlighted there are many Indigenous opportunities available to students when choosing their career pathway and that university is not just a place for highly academic students. These opportunities allow students to flourish and achieve their aspirations!





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