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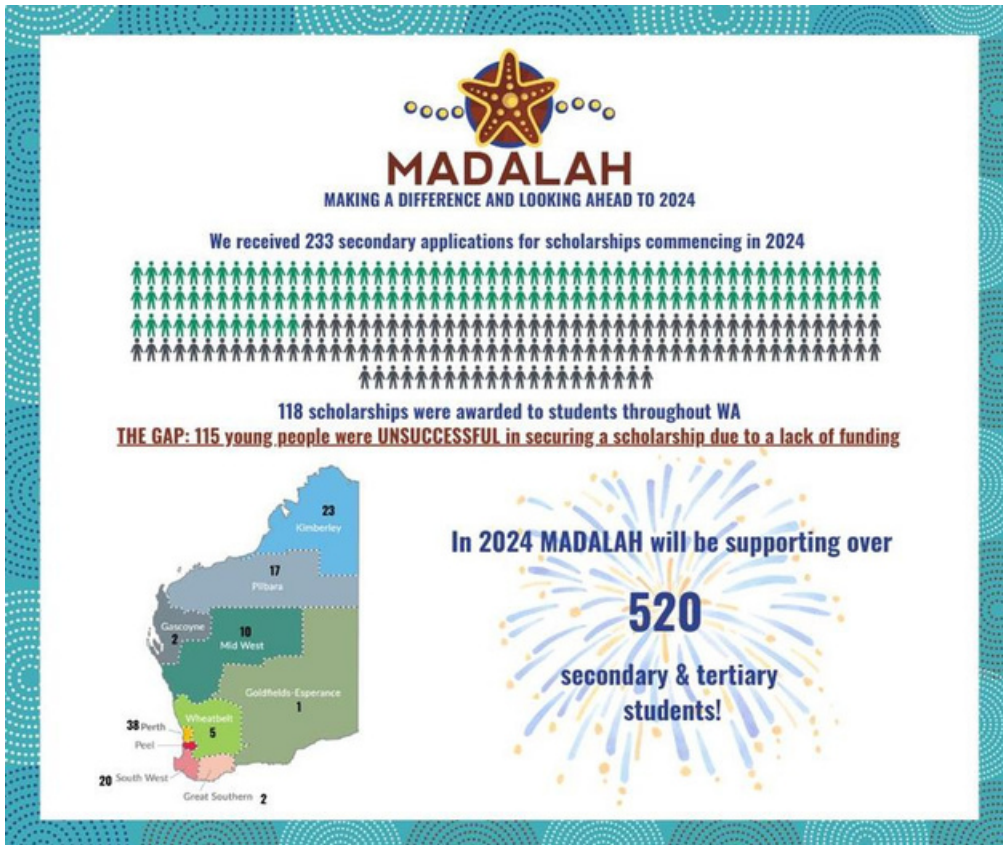
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LOOKING AHEAD 2024

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MADALAH is excited to share that in 2024 we will be supporting 520 secondary and tertiary students to receive a quality education in WA.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

KEIYON BILLY!

Congratulations to Year 8 student Keiyon Billy for receiving Champion Boy in his year group at Christ Church Grammar School.



MADALAH & AISWA FUTURE FOOTPRINTS GRADUATION AND AWARDS CELEBRATION!

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On Thursday 7 September, MADALAH and Future Footprints came together to celebrate their 2023 graduating cohort; an impressive 86 Year 12 Graduates and 15 Tertiary Graduates were congratulated and acknowledged for their outstanding achievements and hard work.

The evening started with a mesmerizing traditional dance performance from Penrhos and Aquinas College Indigenous students. Accompanying the dancers were Oshay Riley and Montgomery Petterson playing the Didgeridoo. Tremain Baxter generously took the time to pay respects and introduce the instruments, in particular the one he made on country in the Northern Territory. Esteemed Whadjuk Noongar elder Uncle Barry Winmar opened the evening with a heartfelt Welcome to Country giving a sense of belonging, connectedness and strength.

Our very own MADALAH Alumnus and staff member Charles Mallard and Kadeejah Ah-Thew were our deadly MC's, with Charles dropping in a dad joke which had the audience giggling. MADALAH Ambassador Des Headland followed, acknowledging MADALAH Board & Staff, AISWA Board & Staff, the 20 attending partner schools, 5 tertiary institutions and corporate sponsors including Water Corporation, Northern Star Resources, Neometals and the Roy Hill Community Foundation.

Our graduates, staff and corporate partners then enjoyed a delicious 3 course dinner, followed by the presentation of graduation certificates and seven very special Excellence Awards to our scholars who excelled in academia, sport, service & leadership and entertainment & the arts. It was then wonderful to see three of our graduates, Lemarna Valentine, Montgomery Petterson and Kylie Champion reflect on their education journey, the opportunities they have had, and how these opportunities will contribute to the next chapter in their lives.

A special thank you to Aquinas College for hosting the graduation dinner and awards ceremony!

We look forward to seeing what our 2023 graduating cohort achieve next!!!



MADALAH AWARD RECIPIENTS

KHYAN TOWNSEND

We would like to congratulate Year 12 Graduate Khyan Townsend from Nagle Catholic College for achieving the 2023 Sporting Excellence Award.

Khyan was chosen to receive this award, as he had recently competed in the world championships in Kazakhstan for Taekwondo representing Australia. In 2018, Khyan travelled to Melbourne where he won and held three national titles including the following; Gold Individual Patterns, Gold Individual Sparring and Gold Individual Male Special Technique. Khyan also received a football scholarship from Rio Tinto in 2022 and is passionate about all sports. Khyan is humble with his achievements, and we know that he will excel in this Taekwondo journey, which we will all be watching from the sidelines.

Well done Khyan!



KYLIE CHAMPION

We would like to congratulate Year 12 Graduate Kylie Champion from Iona Presentation College for also achieving the 2023 Sporting Excellence Award.

Kylie was chosen to receive this award as she is someone that consistently goes above and beyond and is always willing to take on any task presented to her. From her active participation in sports, especially football, to her dedication in mentoring younger students and her commitment to community; her actions are truly commendable!

Kylie's involvement in creating an introduction video for the World Transplant Games and participation in the MADALAH Youth Empowerment Program highlights her diverse interests and proactive approach to making a positive impact. Alongside Kylie's impressive extracurricular engagement, she remains dedicated to her academics, showing her balanced and determined nature. Kylie's ever-present smile reflects her genuine enthusiasm inspiring those around her and consistently showing good sportsmanship and being a team player.

Well done Kylie!



MADALAH AWARD RECIPIENTS

OSHAY RILEY

We would like to congratulate Year 12 Graduate Oshay Riley from Trinity College for achieving the 2023 Entertainment & The Arts Excellence Award.

The Entertainment & The Arts Excellence Award recognises a student who has demonstrated exceptional talent, creativity, and achievements in the fields of entertainment and the arts. Oshay was chosen to receive this award because of his many exceptional accomplishments in the arts during his time at school. Oshay holds the lead position in the Boorloo Boys Didge group and has taken a prominent role in the school production.

In his final year of school, Oshay was a valuable member of the team that secured victory in the Scripted and Devised Drama category at the Catholic Performing Arts Event. In 2022, Oshay was also elected by his peers to be the Head Boy of the MADALAH Student Council. He has gone above and beyond to dedicate his time and effort into the role presented to him and is a natural born leader who should be incredibly proud of everything he has achieved.

Well Done Oshay!



ARRAN KRAKOUER

We would like to congratulate Year 12 Graduate Arran Krakouer from Aquinas College for achieving the 2023 Mooditj Koort Award.

The Moorditj Koort Award recognises the student who has demonstrated exceptional strength, perseverance, and determination during their secondary education. Arran was nominated for this Award for his consistent display of resilience, dedication, success and achievement of Year 12 attainment. Arran's ability to navigate challenges, maintain focus, and serve as a strong role model for his community and peers is undoubtedly commendable.

This award recognises his outstanding character and achievements, and it is a testament to his dedication and positive influence. He's commitment to being a role model serves as an inspiration to others, demonstrating the positive impact that one individual can have on their peers and the broader community.

Well Done Arran!



MADALAH MENTORING

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This terms mentoring content was based around initiating conversations about what it means to take pride in being an Indigenous Australian and the different platforms we can do this in.

Students were shown a video created by two of our Student & Family Support Officers, demonstrating a panel style interview. Watching this had all the kids on the edge of their seats and in hysterics, especially when it came to the bloopers. Students used great leaderships skills in their pairs, showing confidence to ask and answer the questions. We heard many great answers and know for sure our students will continue to be great leaders within their families and communities!



NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

BUNBURY CATHEDRAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

MADALAH staff joined Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School for their NAIDOC Week assembly and activities.

The morning began with dance group Bindjareb Middars performing traditional dances reflecting the Koolbardi and Djiti Djiti.

During the assembly MADALAH students were given the opportunity to stand up and say why they are proud to be First Nations People and the importance of this years theme 'For Our Elders'. We were super proud to see them up on the stage!

After the assembly, students engaged in a range of activities run by Student and Family Support Officer Rosie and the Binjareb Middars. The workshops included art, cooking, dance and bead making which brought the whole school together to celebrate.

Thank you to Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School for inviting us to their 2023 NAIDOC celebrations!!



MADALAH CULTURAL EDUCATION TRAINING AT GUILDFORD GRAMMAR

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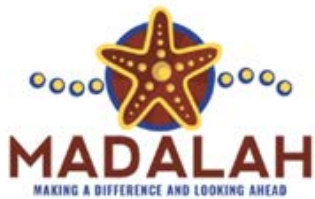
The MADALAH Team recently facilitated Cultural Education Training at Guildford Grammar School. The training took place over the whole day, with the team running back-to-back sessions, aiming to accommodate two staffing groups. The first group, including boarding staff, had a turnout of 70 people, while the second group had 40 staff from the primary school.

MADALAH staff spoke about their individual stories and truth-based content which gave both audiences the opportunity to ask questions and be included in all conversations. The MADALAH Cultural Education Training serves as a reminder to all that our realities differ, however with the opportunity to assist our youth we can all contribute to changing and importantly, breaking generational cycles and barriers.

We hope all staff at Guildford Grammar School valued this opportunity and took away what resonated with them to incorporate into their daily teachings/interactions with our MADALAH scholars.

Thank you to Guildford Grammar School for having us!





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