

M A D A L A H HIGHLIGHT REPORT

JANUARY TO DECEMBER





MADALAH Limited is a not-for-profit organisation that offers Secondary and Tertiary education scholarships for Indigenous students from remote and regional communities to Western Australia's leading boarding schools and Australian universities.

We believe education is the key to generational change and opportunity, and we are committed to making a difference in the lives of our students, their families and communities.

'Making A Difference And Looking Ahead' is what our name stands for, and what we empower our students to do.

'People of the Future'

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

FEBRUARY 2023

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

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!

We look forward to co-hosting the Welcome again next year, bringing the MADALAH Family together to catch up and welcome our new scholars in 2024!



YEAR 7 CAMP

FEBRUARY 2023

On the 18th and 19th February, MADALAH held their annual Year 7 Camp at Point Walter Recreation and Conference Centre for our 46 Perth and South West based students.

The event was kindly sponsored by Morgans Financial and we thoroughly enjoyed having Tom and Sam come and join us for the Welcome to Country, spending valuable time with students and staff.

The Welcome to Country was given 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.

After cooling down in the pool and some dinner, they were able to mingle and have some fun at our student disco, which involved a photobooth, glowsticks, limbo and a lot of music.

On day two, students enjoyed a cooked breakfast and spent the day rotating through four different stations run by our staff and mentors. These stations included a cultural workshop held by Jayden Boundry, Dylan Shillito and Rickeeta Walley, a Yarning Circle, Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) and a station dedicated to the handing out of MADALAH merchandise for students to take home.













YEAR 7 CAMP CONT.

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. The event was a huge success, welcoming these young people into the MADALAH family!





MADALAH MENTORING

In 2023, we continued to grow our mentoring program which saw MADALAH alumni and/or current tertiary students return to our partner schools to mentor secondary students who are on scholarship with us. This year's topics were the Power of Indigenous Voice through Music, Creative Letter Writing, Proud to be an Indigenous Australian (Q & A) and a Yearly Reflection/MADALAH Quiz. During these sessions, students were also given the opportunity to yarn about their week, their future aspirations and be involved in team-building activities.

The mentoring program has proven to help drive students to pursue their future career pathways and seek further help from MADALAH for both their personal and academic development.

We believe these sessions are very meaningful as they provide us with opportunities to meet with our students more regularly. It is also beneficial for all involved and adds to the wrap-around support already provided to students by MADALAH, the Indigenous Liaison Officers and the wider staff teams at each of our partner schools.

Our mentors are also available to provide academic tutoring and 1-1 mentoring as required. In 2023, we assisted 40 students with additional academic support, via weekly tutoring sessions.







MENTORING PD

MARCH 2023

The MADALAH team held a PD for new and existing mentors. This was a great opportunity for the team to delve into the MADALAH program; giving our mentors an insight into what our team does to support our students to succeed and explain how they will compliment this by playing a pivotal role in our wraparound program.

We can't wait to see our 2023 cohort of mentors support and guide our young people to achieve success in the years to come.







HANRINE FUTURES PROGRAM TERM 1 - CATCH UP

MARCH 2023

The Hanrine Futures students had the opportunity in Term 1 to come together after school to enjoy stew and damper down at the Guildford Grammar Boat Shed. It was a wonderful opportunity to cook, yarn, paint and relax with each other.









BHP - MADALAH CATCH UP

MARCH 2023

Our BHP - MADALAH supported students had the opportunity to come together after school to enjoy stew and damper at Scotch College.

It was a wonderful opportunity to have a feed, yarn, paint and shoot hoops with each other.









MONADELPHOUS PARTNERSHIP LAUNCH

APRIL 2023

We were thrilled to launch our partnership with Monadelphous!

This year, Monadelphous will provide tertiary scholarships to two deserving students pursuing studies in Business Administration and Engineering. This partnership aligns with Monadelphous' Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan commitment to provide education, training, and career pathway opportunities for Indigenous peoples.

Monadelphous stated that they are excited to work with and contribute to the advancement of Indigenous education for the next generation!

Thank you Monadelphous for partnering with us in 2023 and beyond!







YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

APRIL - JUNE 2023

This year MADALAH held their very first Youth Empowerment Program, Boordiya Yorgas & Moorditj Maarmans! A 10-week program designed and facilitated by MADALAH to empower and inspire our future leaders! This program was kindly sponsored by Mitsubishi Corporation.

For the program we had a solid aim and goal for our participants, which was to provide them with the foundation and support to voice and practice their thoughts; we also included and reinforced the importance of well-being, self-care, and support over the 10 weeks. This program was designed to either kick-start a students' leadership journey, boost their current journey, or for the students to experience leadership and empowerment for the first time; we are confident they will all become leaders within themselves and out in the community.

We kicked off the program with a huge Welcome to Country by Dr Richard Walley inviting both groups together to network and build connections with Elders, staff and external providers.

Over the 10-week program, participants were inspired, challenged to think outside-of-the-box, and influenced to contribute change and break cycles that have been embedded over generations. We invited facilitators to assist with providing the tools of change, inspiration, and courage, as we hope a positive change is then spilled into our student's peer circle, family and even communities through the power of storytelling, yarning and reflection on true events.

At the halfway mark of the program, the Moorditj Maarmans and Boordiya Yorgas also joined together as one, to acknowledge, reflect and celebrate our 2023 NAIDOC theme "For Our Elders". It was great to see our participants all in one space again! We had our wonderful Aunty Robyn Collard give a beautiful and powerful Welcome to Country. After the Welcome, Tiarna the head Program Coordinator for the girls shared her perspective on the NAIDOC Theme, and how important it is to cherish and respect our Elders.





YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM CONT.

Throughout the program, we were fortunate enough to have many external guest speakers presenting and running workshops for our students on various age-appropriate topics. The Boordiya Yorga's weekly sessions were run by inspiring female role models, and included; We are Woman Prospectus, facilitated by WE ARE WOMXN, self-care, healthy relationships, and boundaries facilitated by MADALAH, a life coach session facilitated by Joan Dellavalle, Founder/CEO of Ebony + Ivory hair salon, a cultural weave workshop facilitated by Nadine Foley, Founder of Cultural Weave, Walking in Two Worlds facilitated by Rickeeta Walley, a career pathways session facilitated by members of the aviation force at Inpex and Beauty is Power makeup workshop facilitated by Sissii Cosmetics.





The Moorditj Maarmans had the privilege of hearing from many inspiring and influential male role models, and included; a cultural art workshop with local Artist Kamsani Bin Salleh (Kambarni), mental health workshop including unrealistic expectations of young men, positive relationships and mental health awareness facilitated by 'Man Up!', mindfulness workshop facilitated by Karen Hadden, cultural workshop facilitated by Dylan Shillito and Jayden Boundry, West Coast Eagles sport session facilitated by Sam Petrevski-Seton and motivational speakers and pathways facilitated by MADALAH Ambassador Yulu McGrady.







YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM GRADUATION

JUNE 2023

On Sunday 25th June, MADALAH in partnership with Mitsubishi Corporation hosted the final wrap up and official closing ceremony for the Youth Empowerment Program! The day consisted of two separate activities; the first being the Zip+Climb on Perth's very own Matagarup Bridge. The cohort were broken into two groups for this activity.

Once all geared up and ready to go, the groups then began their journey to climb Matagarup Bridge and zipline to the end! This was an amazing reward for our participants and even MADALAH staff members Charlie, Casey and Tiarna, plus Mitsubishi Corporation's representative Alana all geared up and joined in on the fun! Believe it or not, the students were comforting Tiarna more than themselves, and that was a great example of leadership skills being practiced and displayed. We are so proud of all the students' efforts overcoming their fear and nerves. It was an amazing first half of the day and we were so glad that our students enjoyed this opportunity!

We then took a short walk to Trinity College for the second half of the day. This is where we hosted our MADALAH Youth Empowerment Program football match which took place at Trinity Oval, followed by a BBQ to finish the afternoon. Teams were created using the same groups from the Bridge Zip+Climb. The teams were Freo Dockers vs Swannies!









YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM GRADUATION

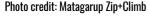
Upon bounce-down our teams got straight into the game, we used the method of "half-field" to play our match, meaning that before a team aims for a goal, they are required to take the ball 'halfway' and then they can score (like half-court basketball). The atmosphere was not only competitive but fun.

Students participated not only on the field but completed support roles such as goal umpiring, boundary umpiring and scoring. The match went over four quarters and from there we had a feed and yarn.

To officially end the proceedings of the day, we awarded each participant with their Youth Empowerment Certificate and additional awards for Individual Growth, Leadership and of course Football Awards.

MADALAH was super proud of each Youth Empowerment participant for attending this very special program and hope this will assist them in building confidence, personal growth and leadership skills, becoming our future leaders!









EDUCATION AND WELL-BEING DAYS

MAY - JUNE 2023

May and June saw us host our annual Education & Well-being Days for our 444 students attending our 23 partner schools and universities. This annual event runs over the course of two weeks at Gloucester Park in East Perth, with separate sessions hosted in Bunbury, Geraldton and Broome.

Each day began with an Acknowledgement to Country by one of our mentors, followed by the group being split into juniors and seniors.

Our first session facilitated by members of the MADALAH Student Support Team, covered the relevant topic of Cyber Safety. This was a great chance to dissect the do's and don'ts of social media, cyber bullying and the many forms it takes, your digital footprint and how to maintain safe interactions through online gaming.

Our second session focused on strengthening students' understanding of social and emotional well-being and areas that influence the way we feel and manage our worlds. This was done through activities and storytelling with students developing their knowledge on what helps them to individually stay solid, empowered to meet new challenges and make the most of all opportunities. We also reinforced the positive perspectives of mental health and ensured a safe space for our students to feel comfortable to talk about their feelings and encourage students to yarn to a trusted individual, who can assist with regulating their emotions and reaching out for professional assistance when needed.

Our staff discussed the importance of wellbeing, going through the SOCIO wheel, a model that elaborates on how our people can and balance their well-being manage alongside the seven domains that differ from mainstream well-being wheels. These seven domains include Connection to Spirit, Spirituality and Ancestors, Connection to Body, Connection to Mind and Emotions, Connection to Family and Kinship, Connection to Community, Connection to Culture and Connection to Country.



EDUCATION AND WELL-BEING DAYS CONT.

MAY 2023

For our third session, all students came together as one group to yarn with MADALAH staff in a collaborative student feedback session where they were given the opportunity to have their say on the MADALAH scholarship program, events, and any areas they wanted to discuss. This helped our staff to understand what our students need throughout their education journey and any additional support that may be required. During the conversations staff also shared their own stories and experiences about finding success whilst walking in two worlds.

Our Year 12 groups had the opportunity to create their individual career pathway plans, spending time with staff to discuss important information such as having a TFN, exploring university options and considering living arrangements and potential bills they may have in the future.

Students finished the day by playing a traditional game of Buroinjin; a traditional Aboriginal game from the Kabi Kabi people of South Queensland.

They also had the opportunity to contribute to a canvas provided by the very talented, Kamsani Bin Salleh (Kambarni), where they could add their own artistic flare to the piece.

Throughout these sessions, Spartan First an Indigenous owned healthcare provider facilitated the opportunity for students to receive a health check. These checks allowed MADALAH to identify potential health concerns for our students and then work with the families, students, and partner schools to manage these concerns, ensuring our students are set for success!

This year we also teamed up with the Earbus Foundation of WA, a mobile health care clinic that aims to eradicate the impacts of hearing loss so that every young person can reach their full potential through listening and learning. The program offers a model of continuous care to Indigenous young people and children, visiting over 100 locations in regional and remote WA. Families could also opt in for this opportunity which saw 55 students receive a hearing test.





EDUCATION AND WELL-BEING DAYS CONT.







In 2023 MADALAH facilitated 34 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander health checks in partnership with Spartan First and 55 ear assessments in partnership with the EarBus Foundation of WA



5 students were found to have respiratory issues



5 students were found to have iron deficiencies



3 students were found to have poor vision



8 students were found to have hearing issues



3 students were found to be suffering from school stress / anxiety



Thanks to the data collected from these health checks/ear assessments, we are able to work with families and partner schools to put processes in place to combat these issues and give each of our students the best opportunities possible to exceed in school and beyond.

We at MADALAH believe that no student should be left behind.

TERTIARY ENGAGEMENT SEMESTER 1

During Education Day week, Jordy from the First Nations Foundation popped into the MADALAH office to share the My Money Dream program with some of our current tertiary scholars and alumni. The program is an award winning online financial literacy training program, that has been created by Indigenous people, for Indigenous people to help them learn the skills for financial security and future prosperity. Topics included: budgeting, good money habits, money planning, culture and economy. Everyone who participated took something away from the session, and we look forward to continuing to share these opportunities with our scholars throughout the year.

We also spent an evening together with some of our tertiary scholars, networking and catching up about the semester, life and plans for the rest of 2023.









NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES NAIDOC WEEK

JULY 2023

Thank you to Northern Star Resources for hosting MADALAH CEO Laura Taylor and supported tertiary scholar Brooklyn Nannup at their NAIDOC week celebrations.

We enjoyed sharing with the team the impact of our partnership and the important work we do empowering Indigenous students from across Western Australia.



Photo Credit: Northern Star Resources





FORTESCUE SITE VISIT

AUGUST 2023

A group of MADALAH students had the unique opportunity to participate in a site tour at Fortescue's Eliwana mine.

The purpose was to demonstrate the vast career opportunities which exist within the mining industry post secondary school.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the chance to be on country in the Pilbara, hear career stories and ask questions of experienced mining professionals. There was a realisation; mining isn't just about dump trucks, with the students learning more about trades within Mobile Maintenance, office-based roles on site and how Fortescue protects heritage sites across their operations.

This experience will have a lasting impact on the students!









OUR VISIT TO SOUTH 32

AUGUST 2023

South32 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 engaged in part-time employment with South32. To conclude such a great morning, we all came together to yarn over some delicious morning tea!

Thank you South32 for having us!



MADALAH BALL 2023

AUGUST 2023

This year we hosted the 9th MADALAH Ball on Saturday 5th August at the Crown Towers Grand Ballroom! It was our biggest ball to date with more than 850 guests filling the room! The black-tie event helps to raise much needed funds for our scholarship program and allows us to showcase the many talents of our students. Guests were treated to a 3 course Indigenous inspired dinner, several student performances and inspiring speeches, a powerful keynote speaker and the opportunity to participate in a silent and live auction and raffle. MADALAH ties, scarves and lanyards in four student designs were also available to purchase on the night.

We would like to extend a massive thank you to our wonderful MC's, recent MADALAH — Guildford Grammar School graduate Jalen Coppin (Class of 2022) and Keshi Moore, current MADALAH — Northern Star Resources tertiary student. They kept our guests entertained with their charisma, professionalism, humour, and passion for the cause, sharing their personal journey with MADALAH throughout the night. Jalen is currently doing an electrical apprenticeship with BHP and Keshi is currently undertaking her tertiary studies doing a Juris Doctor of Law at the University of Melbourne with the goal of returning to Broome to work as a lawyer.

The night got off to a wonderful start with Dr Richard Walley and Rickeeta Walley providing a spiritual Welcome to Country that left the room in awe! The welcome was followed by an opening performance from the Aquinas College Choir whose angelic voices filled the room, accompanied by a collaboration of girls dance troupes, Kwobadok Yok Midar from Penrhos College and St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls who weaved through the crowd and put on an incredible performance which set the scene for what was to come!



MADALAH Chair Jeanice Krakouer and Board Member Nic Merson welcomed all guests on behalf of the MADALAH Board and Staff. MADALAH Student Council Members Monty Petterson and Brooklyn Cowdrey then invited Dawn Hughes from Muntulgura Guruma Pty Ltd to the stage, who presented a \$10,000 donation to MADALAH!

Our Keynote speaker was Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA, Minister for Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Citizenship and Multicultural Interests. He acknowledged the impressive work MADALAH is doing, and the opportunities and range of support provided to our secondary and tertiary scholarship students. He also took a moment to congratulate the students from our 23 partner schools that took to the stage to perform and speak on the night.

MADALAH BALL 2023 CONT.

Guests were then presented with Indigenous inspired tasting plates which included seared kangaroo, smoked emu and wattle seed crusted crocodile. After the entrée, guests had the opportunity to buy raffle tickets with a chance to win \$3,000 cash! This year's unique tickets were a small acrylic coaster in four different designs. The artwork is a collaboration between Ballardong Noongar, Nimbunburr and Yawuru artist Kambarni and 2023 MADALAH students. The artwork represented the Kangaroo (Yongka), the Stingray (Bamba), the Turtle (Booyi) and the Emu (Wetj) and Rainbow Serpent (Waakal). Each original piece on canvas was later auctioned off that night!

A student mash up video was then played on screen followed by an inspiring and heartfelt speech by Year 7 MADALAH student Chase Nannup who is supported to attend Guildford Grammar School. A proud Kuruma, Banjima and Yamatji man, he spoke of his family, life in his hometown of Port Hedland, and reflected on his schooling journey so far.

The Moorditj Mob dancers from Wesley College then took to the stage with an electrifying performance, followed by a moving Nyumbi performance in collaboration with Hale School.

It was now time for the delicious main course and a chance for guests to mingle and check out the live and silent auction items up for grabs. From unique experiences to sporting memorabilia and one-of-a-kind art pieces, there was something for everyone! Another feature of the night was Kevin Bynder's live canvas art piece! Guests were invited to meet him and see the progress of his masterpiece taking shape throughout the night before it was then auctioned off to one lucky bidder! After dinner, another very generous donation was presented by Alexander Wolf and Sara Bergmann from the National Indigenous Times for \$25,000.







MADALAH BALL 2023 CONT.

A very special student collaborative performance was up next. This group really exemplifies the fact that our students consider one another and the MADALAH team as a family, a network they can rely on and grow with whilst navigating their education journey and having some fun along the way!

The group featured Year 10 Perth College student Lavinia McKenna on vocals, Year 10 Scotch College Students, Dallmyn Kelly, Ben Stack and Nicholas Chi, and Year 12 Carmel Adventist College student Monty Petterson on the Didgeridoo. The whole room was captivated by their incredible musical talent.

MADALAH Head Girl Jorjah Walley (Year 11 — Perth College) and MADALAH Head Boy Oshay Riley (Year 12 — Trinity College) then gave their speeches. Jorjah, spoke fondly of her family and hometown in Kununurra and her journey with MADALAH since 2020 studying at Perth College. She spoke of being made to feel welcome and accepted into the MADALAH family and would not have had the opportunity to attend her school if it wasn't for her scholarship. Oshay Riley, a proud Nyoongar man raised in Perth, focused on the acronym of MADALAH (Making a Difference and Looking Ahead). He spoke of the importance of events such as the Youth Leadership Summit, where unbreakable bonds are formed between participants and are carried through their education journey and beyond! He concluded by saying support is the backbone of MADALAH and that all the tiny acts of charity performed by mentors, staff and students is what MADALAH is made of.

A powerful video was then played to the room, featuring Year 7 Hanrine Futures student Tasharni Coppin supported to attend Guildford Grammar School, and Tanna Bellotti Year 12 student supported to attend Penrhos College. It began with Tasharni spending time in her hometown of Port Hedland with her family enjoying her favourite things she likes to do when she is home. It then cut to her getting ready for school in the Boarding House at Guildford Grammar School. This truly emphasised and represented what walking in two worlds means for our students. Tanna Bellotti was then featured; she is almost at the end of her schooling journey completing Year 12 this year. She spoke of being a member of her school student council and the range of subjects she was able to study which were not offered at her school in her hometown of Carnarvon. She highlighted that the support she has received from MADALAH mentors, students and staff has been invaluable.





MADALAH BALL 2023 CONT.

It was now time to raise some much-needed funds and our auctioneer for the night David Shorttee kicked off the LIVE auction! 13 exclusive items were up for grabs including rare sporting and music memorabilia, 3 luxury escape holidays and some amazing one-of-a-kind art pieces including Kevin Bynder's masterpiece!

To finish off the evening, Broken Tides, a leading rock band from the Pilbara region took to the stage to get everyone out of their seats and lighting up the dancefloor!

This was a fantastic event and will go a long way in providing awareness and funding for additional scholarships in 2024. We are excited to share that the proceeds from the auctions, raffle, ticket sales and donations raised throughout the night will allow us to support an additional 38 students to attend our partner schools in 2024 and ensure they receive a high-quality education.



On behalf of the MADALAH Board and Staff, our students, their families, and communities, we would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who supported the 2023 MADALAH Ball; all showing true commitment to Closing the Gap in Indigenous education!

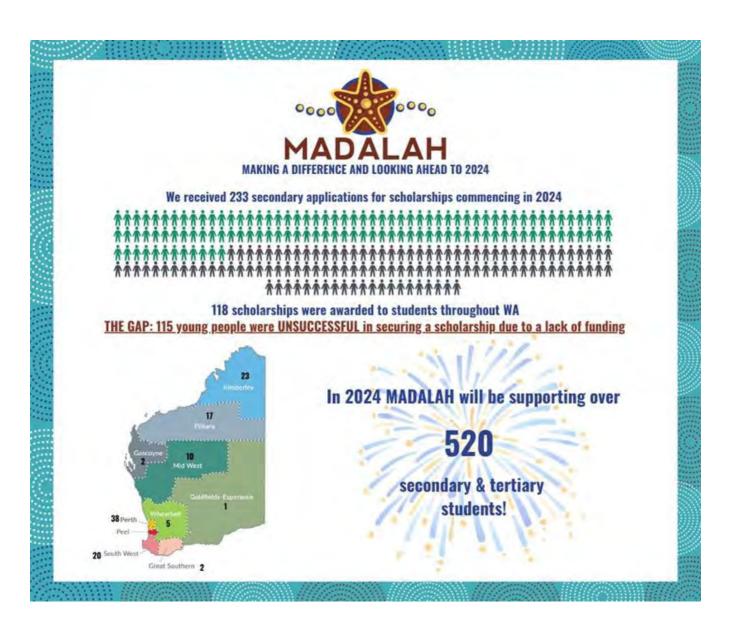


2023 MADALAH BALL RAISED ENOUGH FUNDS TO SUPPORT

38 SECONDARY SCHOLARS IN 2024!

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2024

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





GRADUATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY

SEPTEMBER 2023

On Thursday 7th 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 mesmerising traditional dance performance from

Penrhos and Aquinas College Indigenous students. Accompanying the dancers were Oshay Riley and Montgomery Petterson playing the Didgeridoo. Tremaine 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, AlSWA Board & Staff, the 20 attending partner schools, 5 tertiary institutions and corporate sponsors including Water Corporation,

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

Northern Star Resources, Neometals and the Roy Hill Community Foundation.





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!!!



EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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 Sparing 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 what it means to be a team player.

Well done Kylie!

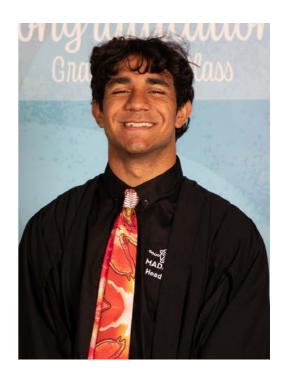
EXCELLENCE AWARDS CONT.

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 Moorditj 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 FIRST AID TRAINING

OCTOBER 2023

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!





CAREER PATHWAY PLANNING WITH OUR SENIORS

OCTOBER 2023

MADALAH's Career Pathway, Alumni and Tertiary Support Officer (Nina), 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.



NOVEMBER 2023

Our Career Pathway, Alumni and Tertiary Support Officer had the pleasure of taking two year 12 Penrhos students, Aaliyah and Tanna for a tour of St Catherine's College in Crawley. The MADALAH students had the opportunity to meet the Director of Dandjoo Darbalung, Culture and Community and tour the rooms and facilities for their accommodation in 2024. Aaliyah and Tanna also had an opportunity to meet several current MADALAH students who are also residents of St Catherine's College.





BHP AFTERNOON TEA

NOVEMBER 2023

MADALAH scholars and staff members were kindly invited to attend a BHP afternoon tea which included very special guests, Girls from Oz. The afternoon consisted of networking over a lovely afternoon tea and listening to remote community students coming together and singing. Girls from Oz is a performing arts program focused on confidence building, they aim to encourage engagement in education for all years and create lifelong connections by offering learning and performance opportunities.

We were lucky enough to share what we at MADALAH do and to also hear three lovely songs, one sung in language by Girls from Oz, which they all sang so beautifully! We thank BHP for this amazing opportunity and Girls from Oz for their exceptional performance.







MADALAH HITS THE ROAD

PILBARA TOUR 2023

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, connecting and working together to develop a generation of strong educated Indigenous youth!

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!









YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

NOVEMBER 2023

Our MADALAH Youth Leadership Summit for 2023 was a huge success! This event was kindly sponsored by MPH Lawyers and Strandline Resources.

It all started on Friday 3rd November when students arrived at our office ready to hit the road to Busselton. We made a stop along the way at the Crooked Carrot located in Bunbury for morning tea, before making our way to Busselton Camping Centre. Once we arrived at the camping centre, we were greeted by Joshua Whiteman from Koomal Dreaming, who welcomed us on Wardandi Boodja. The welcome was followed by a sausage sizzle for lunch and free time before the students had their Mock Australian Government activity and quiz night.

On Saturday our students were in for a big day ahead with their first activity attending Amaze'n Margaret River, where they got to challenge themselves by going through a half hectare giant hedge maze and playing outdoor puzzle games.

The students absolutely loved this activity and split into two teams Wargyl and Karda, to see who could get through the maze the fastest. After this activity, we headed to Dillybag Collective for lunch which the students had made themselves in the morning. We were then greeted by Kellie who gave our students a tour of the artwork on display and shared some history behind some of their pieces, answering any questions that our students had.



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We then hit the road to head to Ngilgi Cave, where students split into their teams again to walk through and discover the history and what's inside. After this, we all headed back to camp where students had free time and dinner before the famous MADALAH karaoke competition. All students got involved and encouraged each other to perform, making this the perfect wrap up for day two.

Sunday was the day for the MADALAH amazing race. Staff set up stations around the campsite where Wargyl and Karda teams competed for the winning shield. The race was extremely competitive, and students finished the race a lot quicker than anticipated; with Wargyl the winning team! We would like to thank Didier Murcia from MPH Lawyers for attending to present the winning team with their shield. We then had some free time where some students went fishing, whilst others started working on their student council speeches for the 2024 student council election. We had a lot of students nominate to be on the student council this year; all of whom presented their speeches with confidence. All students were given the opportunity to vote on who they wanted to represent their cohort and once the votes were in, our new student council for 2024 was selected.

For our final night, we celebrated in style with the MADALAH Gala! Students all came together dressed to impress for the famous Gala night where we had roast on the menu, heartfelt speeches from graduates, past student councillor speeches, new student councillor speeches and of course some more karaoke.

The last day of camp saw students pack up their rooms and get on the bus ready to go back to Whadjak Boodja. We stopped at Koombana Bay in Bunbury on the way home for pizza and free time before making our way back to the office where students were picked up by their school/family.

This year's camp was a HUGE SUCCESS, and we would like to once again thank MPH Lawyers and Strandline Resources for making this event happen!





PARLIAMENT HOUSE LUNCH

DECEMBER 2023

This year LML Insurance supported the MADALAH Ball, as they have for many years as a bronze sponsor! They also supported our live auction and purchased a lunch for 10 people at Parliament House with Member for Riverton, Dr Jagadish (Jags) Krishnan MLA! This auction item was kindly donated by Dr Jags MLA.

LML Insurance were then kind enough to invite our Student Council to attend lunch with them.

Our new Head Boy, Head Girl and Community Engagement Councilor alongside our previous Head Boy and Fundraising and Events Councilor attended and all the students experienced a beautiful three course meal, had engaging discussions with Dr. Jags and were able to attend Question time!

We would like to thank LML Insurance and Dr Jags for this amazing experience!









DPLH PARTNERSHIP LAUNCH

DECEMBER 2023

On Thursday 7th December we were excited to announce a new partnership between the State Government and MADALAH to support an ambitious Aboriginal student in Western Australia.

Nancy Bodey from South Hedland has received the inaugural scholarship from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to attend Perth College.

We were so proud of Nancy's speech where she talked about her academic goals, her deep rooted value of family, the financial relief the scholarship has provided and her future ambition to complete a Laboratory Medicine Degree at university.

Thank you to Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA, Minister for Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Citizenship and Multicultural Interests for attending this launch and his continued support of MADALAH!



MADALAH CULTURAL EDUCATION TRAINING

Throughout the year, the MADALAH Team facilitated Cultural Education Training to a number of our partner schools. This training is a professional development session that is designed and facilitated by the MADALAH Student Support Team who are all Indigenous and come from different regions throughout Western Australia. The team worked with the staff at our partner schools through an interactive and engaging session to fill the gaps in understanding and advise them on how to work more effectively with Indigenous students, families, and communities.

We look forward to facilitating further sessions in 2024!











Jiyah Rioli

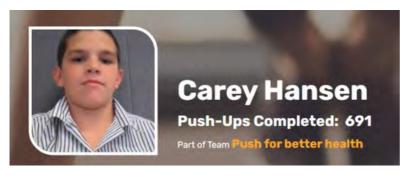
MADALAH student Jivah Rioli supported to attend Mercedes College, was elected to be the Year 10 Student Representative Council at Mercedes College, As part of the selection process she had to submit application with responses to rigorous questions about the college, her values and her skillset. After being accepted to the second round, she took part in the final interview and was successful. Jiyah hopes to be a voice for her year level, assist with socials and pastoral homerooms. care encourage more of the First Nations cohort to apply for leadership positions.



Photo credit: West Australian Academy of Performing Arts

Jayda Corunna

Tertiary student and MADALAH mentor Jayda Corunna attended the West Australian Academy of Performing Arts, graduating with a Certificate IV in Aboriginal Performance. Jayda also performed in the WA Youth Theatre Co (WAYTCo) ensemble, in a performance called Seven Sisters, a show commissioned by Perth Festival 2023. The show shed the spotlight on creative young people and their experience on Boorloo.



Carey Hansen

BHP - MADALAH Year 7 student Carey Hansen, supported to attend Wesley College, signed up to take part in The Push Up Challenge.

Carey chose to support Lifeline WA and attempted to raise funds for the important and much needed organisation in our communities. Carey said that he wants to raise awareness for mental health and the impact that suicide has on Australians, and aimed 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!



Alkira Hansen

Guildford Grammar MADALAH Year 8 student Alkira Hansen, was selected as a semi-finalist for the National Indigenous Times Indigenous Community Leadership Award for 2023.





Tanna Belotti

Huge congratulations to Tanna Bellotti for being awarded Penrhos' Vice Captain.

Tanna is one of our Youth Leadership Summit attendees, and we were so proud to see and hear that Tanna was continuously implementing her leadership skills in and outside of school. We hope that her amazing leadership qualities will inspire and lead the way for the future up and coming leaders within the MADALAH group at Penrhos.



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.

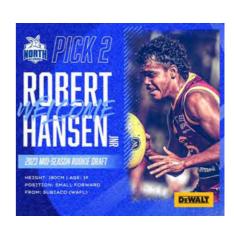
Congratulations Caitlin!



BHP — MADALAH student Grace Dimer supported to attend Penrhos College has been studying photography and had the opportunity to put her amazing photography skills to the test! Grace decided to create these amazing photos to embrace her culture, utilising the props, background and models available to her in the Ngala Maya room at Penrhos. We wish Grace all the success in her photography studies and can't wait to see where this journey may take her.







ROBERT HANSEN

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

Photo credit: North Melhourne Football Club

Khyan Townsend

Here at MADALAH we love celebrating our students when it comes to them achieving and trying their best in their chosen fields. Year 12 Nagle Catholic College Student Khyan Townsend, a proud young Yamatji man from Geraldton is a great example of this, achieving above and beyond this year. 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 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 did not slow 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 was also selected to represent Australia in the Youth U18s 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.

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









Keira Laylan

With the support of Maali Group through their Mila Birdal Program, MADALAH Alumna, and 2022 Year 12 Graduate Keira Laylan completed a pre-apprenticeship in school gaining a Certificate II in Electrotechnology, leading her to become an apprentice electrician this year with Maali Group, a proudly Aboriginal owned and managed, multi-discipline contracting services company.



Photo Credit: MAALI Group

Keira says "Maali Group gave me the

support I needed while at school, and in the Mila Birdal Program to become an apprentice electrician. Now I am working on some major infrastructure projects in the metro area and learning so much. I also want to thank MADALAH for their help and support during my time at school".

Maali Group will continue to support Keira through their Sparking Positive Change Program, ensuring that she has the opportunity to succeed.

Well done Keira we are so excited to see where this journey takes you!

Elliot Logan

At MADALAH we have students achieving amazing feats and becoming stars in their own right, which we love to celebrate. We have created a new award for those students who go about their day, work hard and are outstanding achievers within their school and communities.

Our first Outstanding Achiever Award goes to Christ Church Grammar School Year 12 student and Ngadju young man Elliot Logan. Elliot has been working hard with his academics, doing ATAR in subjects such as Specialist Mathematics, Methods Mathematics, Physics, English and Geography. Along with this hard work in school, Elliot was also a boarding house prefect, completing his boarding shifts to a very high standard, always mentoring and supporting younger Christ Church Grammar School boarders. Elliot was also an incredible leader in the Christ Church Indigenous program, and is very much respected by staff and his peers.



2023 Student Council

The introduction of our FIRST ever MADALAH Student Council was also a highlight! With special mention to the following leaders:

- Oshay Riley (Head Boy)
- Jorjah Walley (Head Girl)
- Brooklyn Cowdrey (Fundraising)
- Montgomery Petterson (Fundraising)
- Lavinia McKenna (Well-being)
- Tyson Crawford (Well-being)

These inaugural students should be congratulated for their exceptional leadership and setting the standard for future councillors to come.

We were excited to meet regularly with our Student Council and see what ideas they brought to the table!



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!



Keiyon Billy

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







Scarlett Flugge

Year 7 student Scarlett Flugge 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.

Dallmyn Kelly

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 - MADALAH Year 10 student Dallmyn Kelly, supported to attend Scotch College, is a Tenor Drummer with the college

pipe band and was selected to attend the 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.







National Indigenous Basketball Team

Three MADALAH students who took part in the National Indigenous Basketball Tournament, took home the gold medal for their team!

Grace Dimer (BHP supported scholar - Penrhos College), Michelle Ninyette (Penrhos College) and Ayvah Rioli (Mercedes College), all contributed on the court to bring their team to victory!

Ayvah was also the team captain and had a huge game in both finals, winning the grand final MVP.

We are extremely proud and excited to share that both Ayvah and Michelle were selected for the girls All Star 5 team. Ayvah was also invited to travel to Las Vegas to be a part of the Junior NBA.

Congratulations again to all of the girls on their amazing efforts!



Photo credit: Indigenous Basketball Australia

Western Heat State Indigenous Netball Team

MADALAH students and recent Alumni (Class of 2022) were selected to represent WA as part of the Western Heat State Indigenous Team between the ages of 12-18.

Western Heat is a state representative team that travelled interstate to compete in the Budgies Indigenous Netball Competition, that was held on the Gold Coast. Our students travelled over from January $11-15\ 2023$ to compete against other talented young Indigenous girls across the Nation.

We hope the girls had a fun time, making lots of memories with their team and meeting other competitors.



Cruiz Campbell

Congratulations to MADALAH student Cruiz 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. Cruiz played this difficult role with sensitivity, confidence and humility and held the audience in the palm of his hand.









NAIDOC T-SHIRT COMPETITION WINNER

The 2023 MADALAH NAIDOC T-shirt competition winner was 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!







Rio Tinto Indigenous Youth Football

MADALAH would like to extend their congratulations to our very own Lilliya Lwoy and Lewis Nannup (2022 Graduate), in securing a Rio Tinto Indigenous Youth Football Scholarship in 2023. Both Lilliya and Lewis are with East Perth Football Club (Royals).

Sienna Raddock

Hanrine Futures student Sienna Raddock who is supported to attend Guildford Grammar School by the Hanrine Foundation and MADALAH was awarded with the Coach's Award at the WABL Awards Night for 2023.

Sienna plays for the Eastern Suns and has for quite some time now. Basketball is one of many activities Sienna loves participating in when she doesn't have her hands full with her school work and other extra-curricular activities.

We wish Sienna all the best with her basketball journey and can't wait to see where her success goes with her basketball.





Youth Advisory Council

Jorjah Walley, Oshay Riley and myself Dallmyn Kelly, attended the National Youth Strategy Consultation, alongside the Minister for Youth, Hon. Dr Anne Ally MP.

We discussed what ideal youth engagement looks like. I enjoyed talking about my views on what I think would engage Indigenous students more. This is something I am interested in, and I can't wait to have more opportunities to engage with the National Youth Strategy.

Written by Dallmyn Kelly, BHP - MADALAH Scholar & Chair MADALAH Student Council.



Peter Taylor

FMG - MADALAH student Peter Taylor was selected to represent the National AFL Flying Boomerangs Program for 2023, held in Melbourne, on the 18th of September.

This was an amazing achievement for Peter, as he was one of only four Indigenous footballers from WA selected in the squad. MADALAH are super proud of Peter and look forward to watching him compete and seeing what the future holds for this young star.

Photo credit: Other Source

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!



Montanna Campbell

Montanna is a young Noongar, Walmajarri and Gooniyandi woman from Katanning, and a MADALAH Alumna from Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School. In year 12, she had the tough job of planning out what she was going to do in her career after school but had plenty of options having completed certificates in Sport and Rec, PE Teaching and Ed Support.

With all options considered, there were still some things on her mind that could not be ignored, including her passion for equality,



community safety, helping the fight against drugs and alcohol, assisting her community and stamping out racism. All of these led to a dream of Montanna's which was to join the WA Police. Montanna was later offered a Cadetship with the West Australian Police Force commencing this year.

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!

Emmanuelle Vincent

Introducing Emmanuelle Vincent, a current MADALAH Tertiary student 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!



Makayla Rogers

Makayla Rogers has been a MADALAH student since Year 7 at St Mary's Anglican Girls School. Makayla graduated Year 12 in 2022 and was still deciding on her career pathway early in 2023. Encouraged and supported by her family, Makayla made the decision to enrol at UWA. A week before the university semester began Makayla enrolled to study a double degree of Bachelor of Business Management and Sales and a Bachelor of Art in Indigenous Studies. Makayla is highly appreciative of Bilya Marlee which supports Indigenous students at the University of Western Australia, feeling culturally safe and supported in the space. Another passion for Makayla is her love of football, enjoying her growth at East Perth this season. Over the last 8 years, Makayla feels that 2023 has been her most successful year and is looking forward to 2024.

MADALAH look forward to the next exciting chapter for Makayla!

Claudia McDermott

Introducing MADALAH Tertiary Scholar Claudia McDermott who is currently supported to study a Doctor of Medicine at UWA. "This year, as the UWA student representative for AIDA (Australian Indigenous Doctors Association) I went up to Nhulunbuy, in East Arnhem Land with the AIDA student representative council. It was an amazing opportunity to learn, yarn and help in community.

On Yolgnu Matha land, we were welcomed by Elders and taught about traditional medicines from the local area. We attended lessons at the dual language schools and were taught basics of Yolgnu language. While in Nhulunbuy, we sat in at the Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation clinics and also went out to smaller communities of Galiwin'ku, Milingimbi and Gapuwiyak to assist at the health clinics and entertain the kids coming in for their health checks.



We visited various primary schools to set up Teddy Bear Hospital stations, getting kids engaged and learning about healthcare. They were given teddies to take into the doctors and were taught about healthy eating and dental care. For the high school students, we upped the ante. Their stations revolved around surgical suturing skills, ultrasound training and first aid basics.

Amongst all of this, we were able to meet so many people who are doing amazing things for community and health. Remote healthcare has a lot of challenges, and it is only by having community-led teams that the best solutions can come about. It's made me even more excited for my Rural Clinical School placement in 2024."

We are so proud of all that Claudia has achieved in 2023 and look forward to continuing to support her next year.



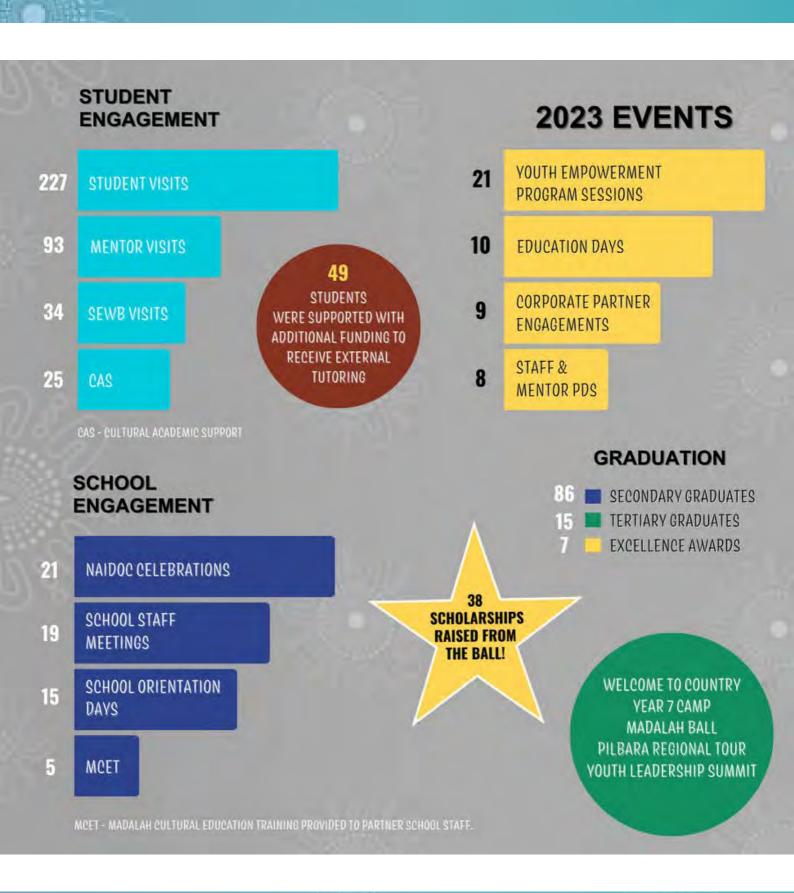
Yukio Chaplin

Yukio Chaplin a Bardi student who resides at St Catherine's College in Crawley has graduated this year from ECU with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Conservation and Wildlife Biology.

Yukio has also recently completed a 12-week programme for his professional placement with Woodside and hopes to go into an Environmental Graduate role for 2024.

Yukio reflected on leaving his hometown of Broome along with family and friends to attend Scotch College prior to his tertiary studies. While it has been a long journey, he is proud to acknowledge he is the first of his immediate family to graduate and is grateful for the opportunity MADALAH has provided to take the financial pressure away, allowing him to concentrate on his studies.

AND THAT'S A WRAP!



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MADALAH!

