

HIGHLIGHT REPORT

2024

JANUARY TO JUNE





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'

MENTOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FEBRUARY 2024

Mentors are an important part of the MADALAH wrap around support that we offer all our students. Each of our mentors have been part of the MADALAH family since they were in high school, as scholarship recipients themselves. Now, these ambitious individuals pay it forward by supporting our current students.

The professional development days are a great way to ensure that our mentors remain up to date with all the important policies and procedures as well as ensuring we are receiving any feedback that they have.

In February we held our first Mentor PD of the year and introduced some new members to this incredible team who have recently graduated as secondary scholars. We also had the pleasure of having Janelle Cooke and Des Headland from Spartan First join us to share their knowledge and experience.

These training sessions not only facilitate training but is also a great opportunity for the MADALAH family to get together and have a yarn.



YEAR 7 CAMP

FEBRUARY 2024

Just before the holidays we brought 47 of our new year 7s together for their first MADALAH camp!

They were greeted with an amazing Welcome to Country from Neville Collard before getting into camp activities including Laser Tag, Zorb Run, a cultural workshop and an Astronomy Discovery Night, where they learnt about our galaxy whilst star gazing!

In amongst the activities, the students had the opportunity to meet new students from different schools and build new connections whilst experiencing the native Australian bush. We also did short and long term goal setting and kitted them out in some merch.

It was amazing to see the year 7s develop new friendships, work together as a team, and build relationships with staff and mentors. We welcome them to the MADALAH family.



WELCOME TO COUNTRY

MARCH 2024

MADALAH students attended a Welcome to Country on the beautiful lands of Kings Park, Perth WA before the holidays at the start of the year.

The students engaged in conversation about the importance of Aboriginal cultural safety and wellbeing for students living away from their hometowns and families. This provided our students with an opportunity to strengthen their cultural safety and wellbeing while they each live, learn and play on Whadjuk Noongar Boodjar. Students explored the cultural significance and importance of a Welcome to Country / Smoking Ceremony and how that cultural process is to keep our students safe during their stay on Whadjuk Noongar Boodja.



Welcome to Country is a traditional protocol that acknowledges and respects the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the traditional custodians of the land on which the ceremony takes place. It recognises the connection of Aboriginal peoples to their ancestral lands, passed down through generations, and emphasis their spiritual and cultural ties to the land. By conducting a welcome to country, traditional custodians grant permission to visitors to enter and engage with the land respectfully.

This is one of many student engagement events we run throughout the year where our student councillors step out as leaders of our community ensuring the whole student cohort is heard, seen and valued.

We are so proud of our community for coming together and providing a welcoming and supportive environment for all students.

DANJOO KOORLINY

MARCH 2024

MADALAH attended the Danjoo Koorliny - Bunuru Festival which focused on social impact and collective knowledge. The themes were survival, resilience & strength which were seen through all the speakers and performers.

It's great to come together to learn and grow while navigating our collective goal of reconciliation.



FIRST NATIONS FOUNDATION ON COUNTRY RETREAT

APRIL 2024

MADALAH attended the First Nations Foundation On Country Retreat in Bunbury, focusing on Financial Fitness and the Art of Facilitation.

The retreat began with a cultural walking tour led by Uncle Troy Bennell after greeting the team with a brilliant performance of the Didgeridoo, exploring Bunbury's history and Dreamtime stories.

They then delved into facilitation techniques and financial literacy discussions, learning about the difference between a teacher and a facilitator, what skills a facilitator possesses and how best to extract information and ideas from a class.

The team engaged in various group activities and enjoyed dinners together which encouraged some great team bonding!

On the final day, the team were put to the test and were required to present a portion of what they had learnt back to the facilitator, receiving some great feedback!

The training was insightful and interactive, leaving MADALAH staff eager to apply their newfound knowledge to benefit students and their own lives. We would like to express our gratitude to the First Nations Foundation and facilitators for the enriching experience.



EDUCATION AND WELL-BEING DAYS

MAY - JUNE 2023

May and June saw us host our annual Education & Well-being Days for our 414 secondary students attending our 24 partner schools. This annual event runs over the course of two weeks with separate sessions hosted in Bunbury and Geraldton.

Our students had a great opportunity with some talented individuals from learning circus tricks to musical arts to financial literacy. Focusing on how students can budget their own money in order to save up and prioritise.

The students were set up with a “ball” scenario and how they could achieve their “ideal” outcome with a set budget. Many of our students excelled in the exercise and learnt the importance of handling their own finances.

In honour of being on Whadjuk country, a valuable lesson in Noongar with Ngalak Nidji allowed space for our students to learn in a comfortable environment. A workshop which ensured students from both Whadjuk country and other regions felt in touch with the land surrounding them.

Health, an incredibly important aspect to our Education days. Spartan First, Earbus and Strong Spirit, Strong Mind attended which was an important element to our day. Ensuring that our students are in the right place in regards to their physical and mental health is a priority.

Education Days allows our students to interact with one another, learn new things and above all to enjoy their day as MADALAH scholars. A big thank you to Mitsubishi for sponsoring all of our Education and Well-being days this year!



EDUCATION AND WELL-BEING DAYS

STATISTIC RESULTS COLLATED BY SPARTAN FIRST AND EARBUS



In 2024 MADALAH facilitated 38 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander health checks in partnership with Spartan First and 71 ear assessments in partnership with the Earbus Foundation of WA

2 students were found to have poor vision



6 students were identified with mental health concerns



12 students were found to have hearing issues



13 students were found to have iron deficiencies



24 students were found to have abnormal urinalysis & haematology results



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.

OFFICE MOVE

JUNE 2024

Our mob has grown and so has our office. MADALAH has made the move to a more centralised location allowing for our students to visit more frequently.

As MADALAH grows and supports more young people our space has needed to expand also! Our new space allows all of our staff members to be in one communal space whilst also giving our students their own area to engage in accessing support. We're so grateful for our community for their support and were lucky enough to have Jayden Boundry to welcome us to country and smoke our new space for us.

We're proud to be able to provide a safe and collaborative environment for our students and families.



CBC FREMANTLE PARTNERSHIP

On Wednesday 5th June we were excited to announce a new school partnership between CBC Fremantle and MADALAH, creating more opportunities for our students.

Liberating Education, Gospel Spirituality, Inclusive Community & Justice and Solidarity are CBC Fremantle's touchstones which uphold their values.

CBC Fremantle has joined our list of schools for students who attend day school and we are pleased to have them on board with applications for 2025 already available.

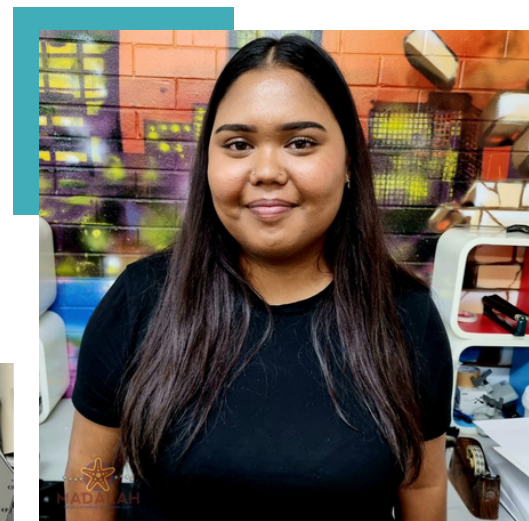
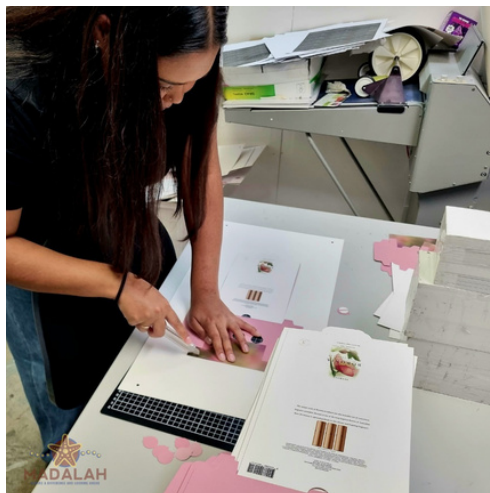


ALUMNI

Career Pathways, Alumni and Tertiary Support Officer recently had the opportunity to visit Amaliya Treacy MADALAH Alumni. Graduating in 2022 Amaliya took the opportunity to join Graphic Source who have worked with MADALAH for many years providing all our design and print needs. Graphic Source enlisted the help of MADALAH with an opportunity for a 3-year Digital Printing Apprenticeship in the business.

MADALAH believed Amaliya would be a good fit and shared the opportunity. Amaliya originally from Broome joined MADALAH at Perth College in 2020 in year 11 and welcomed the new challenge to become a member of Graphic Source.

Creative Director Sheri Yeoman welcomed Nina to their operations to catch up with Amaliya. Located in Jolimont, Graphic Source proudly celebrated their 20th anniversary in 2022. Sheri showed Nina around the impressive facilities that can facilitate many projects from Graphic Design, Digital Print, Website Design to Memorial Stationery. "We're so happy to work with MADALAH and the great work you do in closing the gap in Indigenous education, but even happier to now support a MADALAH graduate in post school studies and employment" Sheri said. It's clear that Graphic Source want to invest in MADALAH and their vision, giving one of our students an opportunity for an Apprenticeship in the business. Amaliya is settling in well and will have plenty of opportunity to progress in the business and the varying roles throughout



EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Rhys



Wagyl Kaip Rhys Pocock who is supported to attend Carmel by NIAA was awarded Head Boy for 2024.

Rhys decided he would like to be a student prefect and head boy, with other candidates he had to make a presentation before the whole assembly, after which the students and staff voted for candidates.

The head boy and girl were announced at graduation where Rhys did an acceptance speech and talked about the vision for 2024. Rhys acceptance speech was excellently presented and was very moving.

We are proud to see our MADALAH student achieve such a great Leadership Role.

Aidan

A brilliant achievement by Aidan McKenna from St Mary's College Broome who has led his school this year as Head Boy. Aidan is a proven leader who has continuously excelled in everything he does. It is such an honour for MADALAH to have a student on our scholarship who shines as brightly as Aidan does!



Lachlan

Hanrine Futures student and Milyurranba-Banjima / Bornoogoorndi-Goodama Lachlan Raddock from the East Pilbara who is supported to attend Guildford Grammar School by the Hanrine Foundation and MADALAH was awarded Dux of Year 7 (2023).

It is the first time in the 127-year history of Guildford Grammar School that an Indigenous student has been awarded Dux and the first time in 13 years for Freeth House to get Dux. With all Lachlan's hard work and dedication to his schooling we are really proud of his achievements!



GOOD NEWS STORIES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Jada

Year 11 student Jada, who attends SEDA College recently had the opportunity to travel over to the Gold Coast to represent the Top End in the Under 16's Team in netball.

While over there Jada was selected for the National Australian Budgies Indigenous Team where she will be touring Australia and New Zealand end of 2024. We're looking forward to keeping an eye out on her progress and how she gets on!



Ben



Bennell is a Wadjuk Ballardong Koolangka who has deep connections to his Nyungar culture. Bennell is a young and emerging Nyungar leader in his community and has a passion for art, dance and music. Bennell has been commissioned for several art pieces over the last few years while he is supported by MADALAH to attend Scotch College.

Communicare unveiled new artwork it commissioned, Baalap Kep Waankiny (two people talking by the water) by artist Bennell, aged 13, from Dooga Waalitj Healing – an organisation they are proud to partner with. Incorporating local Aboriginal art into the organisation's culture holds great significance for Communicare and demonstrates its commitment to the aspirations outlined in its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). It fosters a deep sense of cultural inclusivity and respect, by acknowledging and celebrating the rich culture of Australia's First Nations Peoples and the land we all live on.

We at MADALAH are very proud of Bennell and this achievement.

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Shy’Kyla

A big shout out to Shy’Kyla who competed in the 2024 Australian Athletics Championships in Adelaide!

Having represented WA in the 400m and Triple jump, Kyla placed 5th and 7th against some of the best athletes in the country!

We are so proud to see a MADALAH scholar and St Mary’s Anglican Girls School student shining so brightly on the athletic field!



Jarrad

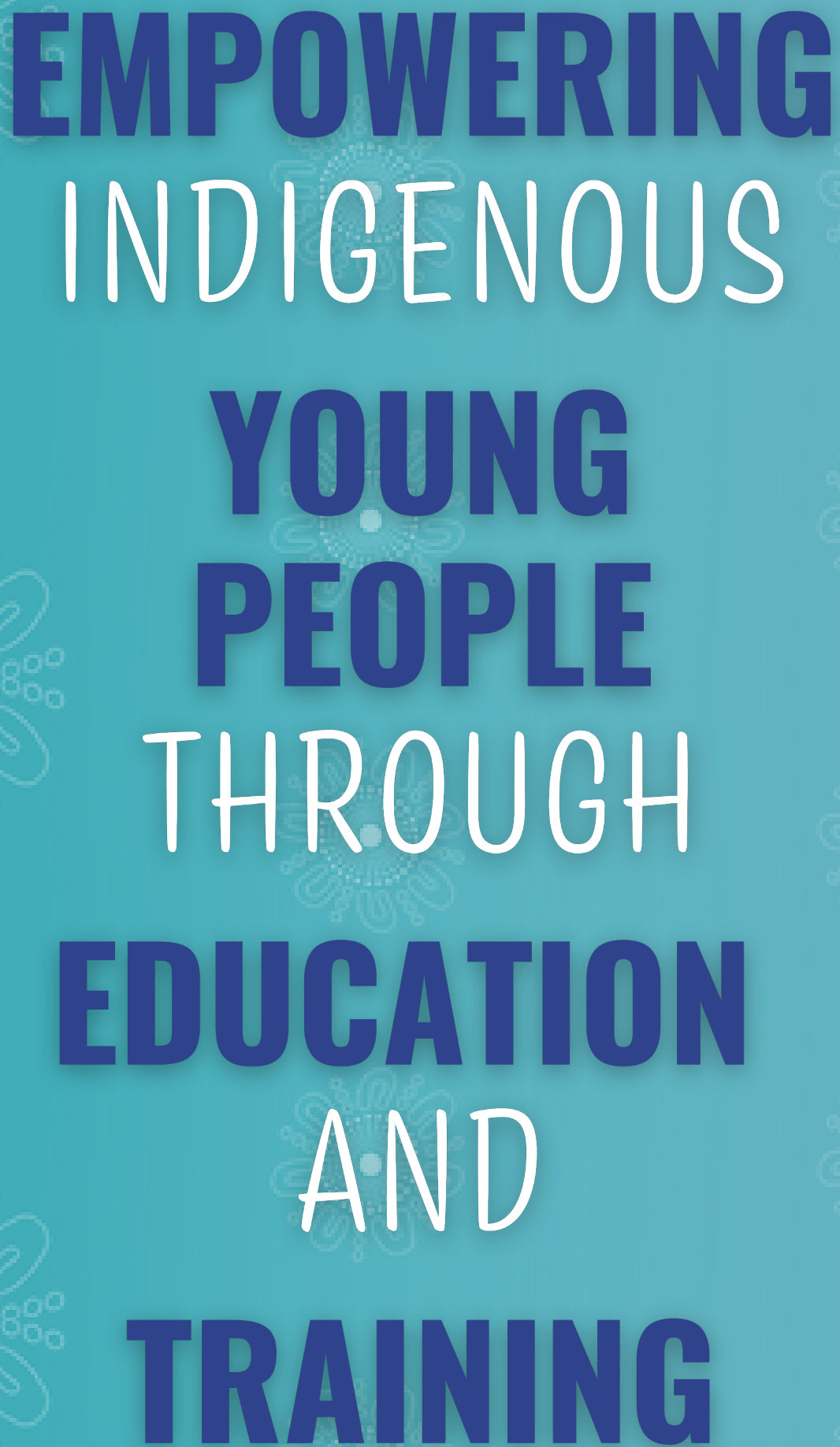


Nagle Catholic College student and MADALAH scholarship recipient Jarrad Mongoo signed with NBL1 West Conference team the Geraldton Buccaneers. Jarrad is a super talent and at only 16 years of age signing with the Buccs is a huge achievement! We are so proud of Jarrad and excited to follow his journey with the Buccs and beyond!

Toré

MADALAH scholarship recipient and Wesley College year 12 student Tore who had a busy summer holiday training with the West Coast Eagles senior squad as part of the WCE Next Generation Academy, Along with training with West Coast Tore was also selected in the 2024 WA state 18’s squad and trained with the state 18’s Summer squad throughout the holidays. Being a part of the squad will hopefully lead to Tore playing in the National State 18’s Tournament this year. We are proud of Tore for his achievements on the footy field and we are excited to see what the 2024 and beyond holds for him.



The background is a solid teal color with a repeating pattern of light blue circular motifs. Each motif consists of a central dot surrounded by concentric rings of dots and larger, stylized shapes, resembling a snowflake or a traditional indigenous design.

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