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The Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia (AISWA)'s constituent members include over 155 Independent Schools. The Independent School sector celebrates a rich cultural and educational diversity, providing for children of all abilities from all social and ethnic backgrounds. Independent Schools provide quality schooling for a wide range of communities, including some of Western Australia's most remote and disadvantaged communities, communities in regional towns and cities and diverse communities in Perth. Many Independent Schools espouse a religious or values-based education while others promote a particular educational philosophy.



## BACKGROUND

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people arrive at school with remarkable capabilities and skills, boundless potential and resilience, no matter what circumstances are thrown their way. For over 15 years the Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia (AISWA) Future Footprints Program has been highly effective at supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with the primary-to-secondary boarding school transition, to engage with their learning and to thrive, as well as in supporting them during the post-secondary transition and pathways into further training, study, or employment. Notably, over the 2004-2020 period AISWA Future Footprints has supported participating Independent Schools to significantly increase retention and graduate over 640 Year 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people. Many of these graduates are now highly prominent and successful individuals – becoming leaders of society, making invaluable contributions to public life, growing businesses, and raising families – all while celebrating their connection to culture, kin, and Country. Whilst quietly achieving, AISWA Future Footprints is arguably one of the most successful collaborative Government and education sector initiatives in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education across Australia.

### Aims

- To present a snapshot and celebrate the breadth of post-school pathways taken by 100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander graduates over the 2004-2020 period of AISWA Future Footprints.
- Focus on the journey and accomplishments of these graduates into further education, training, or employment. Equally, to share snippets into meaningful outcomes in the lives of these wonderful young people.
- Represents the positive economic contribution and social impact of these wonderful young people, but especially the softer outcomes of the AISWA Future Footprints program, especially the benefits presented by living successful lives and contributing to wider society.

### Acknowledgement of Country

#### **Respect your past, Create your future.**

Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia (AISWA) is committed to acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters on which we all gather to continue our learning journey. We honour their heritage by building our young people's spirit and connection to the land through the celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' knowledge and perspectives. We pay our respects to the Elders past and present, for they hold the cultures, traditions and vision of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and Nations.

## IMPACT 100

Supporting participating boarding schools to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, families, and communities to prepare, transition and thrive.

### Graduate 1



Graduated: 2004



Boarding Years: 3



From: Broome

Completed a two-year Diploma in Events and Production Management with Goolarri Media in Broome. Worked at the Darwin Convention Centre coordinating events/conferences from 20 up to 900 people. Moved to Northern Territory as the Events and Marketing Coordinator then onto consulting business. Now a Project Coordinator at an Aboriginal Contracting firm, managing the contracts with NTG Department of Housing and Community Development: Housing Maintenance Co-ordination and Tenancy Management Services for remote Aboriginal housing in Gunbalanya and Maningrida Communities. Currently studying at Deakin University in Geelong completing a two-year post-graduate in Natural and Cultural Resource Management.

### Graduate 2



Graduated: 2004



Boarding Years: 4



From: Dowerin

Drafted by AFL club culminating in a highly successful AFL career across multiple clubs. Significant contribution to a wide range of charities and non-government, not-for profit organisations and currently a strong advocate for destigmatising mental illness among Australian men.

### Graduate 3



Graduated: 2004



Boarding Years: 3



From: Fitzroy Crossing

Supported implementation of research into population, peoples, and place across the Fitzroy Valley region, designed to inform planning by the Fitzroy Futures Forum for the future development of the region. Worked as a community officer and girls' mentor with a local Aboriginal organisation 2011 to 2014 across the East Kimberley. Helped develop a dance program at Fitzroy Crossing District High School and organised performances by the Fitzroy Valley Girls Academy which translates a powerful dreamtime story through music and dance. Has previously volunteered skills and knowledge to support steering committee of the Yiramalay/Wesley Studio School located in the Kimberley region in WA.

### Graduate 4



Graduated: 2004



Boarding Years: 5



From: Broome

Completed apprenticeship in the construction industry and part of a family business in Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction, but also extending into plumbing. Spent time playing Reserve Grade football in the WAFL and is now captain of a local football team in Broome. Has become a passionate advocate for the prevention of suicide among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth and the positive role of sport in this fight. A leader with the 'Alive and Kicking Goals' program, an innovative suicide-prevention program running in Broome. They assert that young kids in Broome look up to lead teams and people that play sport.



### Graduate 5



Graduated: 2004



Boarding Years: 4



From: Broome

Commenced employment with Wyndham Telecentre then took on a trainer officer position with a local Aboriginal Corporation. Then spent three years working for the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley but also worked for the WA Country Health Service. Shifted to become the Communications and Corporate Support Coordinator at an Aboriginal foundation and since spent the last four years as a Client Advocate with the Kimberley Community Legal Service. Won several employee of the year awards - exemplifying urgency for change, leadership, diligence, accountability and integrity. Currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Social Work – humanities and humanistic studies at Edith Cowan University and spent five years volunteering skills as secretary to the Board of Directors for a not-for-profit early learning centre based in Kununurra.

### Graduate 6



Graduated: 2005



Boarding Years: 3



From: Derby

Pursued passion for netball and went to the Australian Institute of sport (AIS). Later recruited by a national netball team playing in the Australian National Netball League. Now General Manager of education programs for a well-recognised not-for-profit organisation in WA.

### Graduate 7



Graduated: 2005



Boarding Years: 5



From: Kununurra

Apprenticeship and spent 10 years with Rio Tinto's Argyle Diamond Mine as an Electrical Instrumentation Technician. Completed Certificate IV in Engineering (Instrumentation), Certificate III in Electrotechnology, Advanced Diploma of Industrial Automation. Also achieved High Voltage Switching, Hazardous Areas, along with other necessary tickets. Currently a Fixed Plant Technician with a mining company in Western Australia.

### Graduate 8



Graduated: 2005



Boarding Years: 5



From: Broome

Drafted by an AFL Club and moved to Melbourne, delisted after two years. Worked for a few years and completed a Bachelor of Arts double major in Australian Indigenous Studies and Sociology at the University of Melbourne. Has volunteered and worked with Aboriginal young men in Victoria's juvenile justice systems and commenced a Juris Doctor in Law at Melbourne Law School.

### Graduate 9



Graduated: 2005



Boarding Years: 2



From: Kununurra

Worked for several years at two companies - Argyle Diamond Mine and Burswood Entertainment Complex. Been a full-time parent growing their family while spending the last four years working in administration and audio productions with a local radio station in Kununurra. Recent projects have included a radio and video series featuring conversations with East Kimberley locals, connecting people through personal stories as a powerful way to break down cultural barriers and foster mutual respect and community cohesiveness.



### Graduate 10



Graduated: 2005



Boarding Years: 2



From: Broome

Played reserve and league grade WAFL and then recruited by an AFL Club, delisted two years later. Completed Certificate III in Personal training, Sports and Exercise at Victoria University, then later a Certificate III in Leadership development. Became a Peer Mentor for Leighton Contractors, then becoming a Heavy Diesel Fitter with Thiess. Now a Petroleum Technician at a fuel management and services company.

### Graduate 11



Graduated: 2005



Boarding Years: 4



From: Broome

Completed apprenticeship, a qualified mechanic and gainfully employed at a local auto service centre in Derby since 2006. Loves fishing and time with family.

### Graduate 12



Graduated: 2006



Boarding Years: 5



From: Lenora

Started as a graduate Health Advisor with BHP, prior to this took up vacation work with the company. Current role supporting staff that sustain an injury so that they can make a healthy recovery and return to work. Progressed to Advisor Injury Management and was the recipient of a BHP Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship at Curtin University and completed a Bachelor of Physiotherapy. Hopes to be a role model for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people who aspire to get a university education.

### Graduate 13



Graduated: 2006



Boarding Years: 2



From: Derby

Completed apprenticeship and licenced plumber. Commenced own plumbing business in 2008 which services the West Kimberley. Living in Derby.

### Graduate 14



Graduated: 2006



Boarding Years: 3



From: Broome

Spent several years as a trainee Stockman at Roebuck Plains. Began apprenticeship training as Diesel Mechanic Apprentice at Broome International Airport completing before heading into the oil and gas industry. For the last 7 years employed as Mechanic Fitter Technician with a prominent natural gas company and working fly-in flyout (helicopter) on an offshore platform. Parent of two daughters and building a house in Perth.

### Graduate 15



Graduated: 2006



Boarding Years: 5



From: Kalgoorlie

Completed a theatre course at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) at Edith Cowan University, then accepted into the program at National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) in Sydney. Has performed with several theatre companies in Sydney, Adelaide, and Brisbane, including the musical comedy film The Sapphires with Jessica Mauboy. Has become a household name in Australia as an actor, starring in several highly successful and prominent television programs such as Neighbours, Black Comedy, and Mystery Road, as well as feature films performing alongside Nicole Kidman and on stage with Geoffery Rush. Has been short listed for several state and national drama awards winning several, whilst also entering a self-portrait in the Archibald Prize and winning the Packing Room Prize. A passionate public advocate against racism, violence against Aboriginal peoples and deaths in custody in Australia.



<b>Graduate 16</b>	 Graduated: 2006	 Boarding Years: 4	 From: Broome
<p>Has worked with the Kimberley Ports Authority in administration/operations for the last 11 years – this began with completing a traineeship for the first year and transitioned in a permanent role. During this time completed a Certificate II and Certificate III in Business, followed by a Certificate IV in Business, Certificate IV in Business Administration, Diploma of Business and finally Diploma of Management.</p>			
<b>Graduate 17</b>	 Graduated: 2006	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Narrogin
<p>Entered the Armed services and became a Rifleman in the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Completed the New York Marathon with the Indigenous Marathon Foundation. Left ADF and now working on the docks in Fremantle.</p>			
<b>Graduate 18</b>	 Graduated: 2006	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Broome
<p>Played reserve grade WAFL while completing a bachelor's degree in commerce at the University of Western Australia. Director with local Aboriginal group set up to administer and manage the economic interests of Traditional Owners within developments that occur on their traditional land. A trustee for a not-for-profit leadership, advocacy &amp; governance support service in Broome aimed at assisting Aboriginal owned and managed entities. Admission into the into the Graduate Diploma in Chartered Accounting (GradDipCA). Still playing football in the West Kimberley Football League.</p>			
<b>Graduate 19</b>	 Graduated: 2007	 Boarding Years: 4	 From: Alice Springs
<p>Completed a bachelor's degree in media studies at Murdoch University, as well as an undergraduate degree in psychology at the University of Western Australia. Spent time traveling and lived in the United Kingdom for a year. Now living in Canberra and employed by the National Indigenous Australians Agency and working on teaching, learning, and education policy, as well as youth initiatives.</p>			
<b>Graduate 20</b>	 Graduated: 2007	 Boarding Years: 2	 From: Northam
<p>Recruited by an AFL Club in the 2008 national draft, later delisted. Extensive WAFL career playing for several clubs and making a significant contribution to the WA football community.</p>			
<b>Graduate 21</b>	 Graduated: 2007	 Boarding Years: 2	 From: Broome
<p>Worked as a Teacher's Assistant before commencing an apprenticeship as an Electrician with the Water Corporation WA, graduating to Master Electrician. Employed in the iron ore mining industry in the Pilbara region of WA. Enjoys family life and spending time on Country connecting with people and place, but especially fishing.</p>			
<b>Graduate 22</b>	 Graduated: 2007	 Boarding Years: 2	 From: Moora
<p>Employment in local community then joined the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Currently a Rifleman and experienced ADF defence &amp; logistics technician - skilled in communication and leadership.</p>			



<b>Graduate 23</b>	 Graduated: 2007	 Boarding Years: 3	 From: Erub & Mer Islands
<p>Played across multiple clubs in the AFLW competition. Named in current club's AFLW leadership group and named Best Club Person. AFLW Competition Committee Member. Previously AFLPA Indigenous Advisory Board member. Venues West Sports Ambassador. NAIDOC Perth Awards Sportsperson of the Year. Previously, a netball player in the Australian National Netball League.</p>			
<b>Graduate 24</b>	 Graduated: 2007	 Boarding Years: 2	 From: Northern Territory
<p>Completed Bachelor of Arts in Law at Melbourne University. Currently employed by the Department of Communities – Child protection and Family Support. Has own young family.</p>			
<b>Graduate 25</b>	 Graduated: 2007	 Boarding Years: 6	 From: Broome
<p>Recently commenced an Aboriginal Trainee and Cadet Partnership. Employed as an Advanced Standing Deck Cadet (ASDC) was recently deployed on board a seismic survey vessel conducting survey operations in the Timor Sea.</p>			
<b>Graduate 26</b>	 Graduated: 2007	 Boarding Years: 2	 From: Tambalup
<p>Entered employment and gained qualification as a Youth Worker. Has been employed by Wanslea Family Service and by Fairbridge Village in Pinjarra as a Youth Cultural Mentor.</p>			
<b>Graduate 27</b>	 Graduated: 2008	 Boarding Years: 4	 From: Broome
<p>Completed a bachelor's degree in psychology at Melbourne University and became an Aboriginal Liaison Officer at a Residential Hall at The University of Western Australia. Has now commenced doctoral studies on equine-assisted learning (culturally safe social and emotional learning) under the supervision of a leading First Nations academic in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.</p>			
<b>Graduate 28</b>	 Graduated: 2008	 Boarding Years: 4	 From: Groote Eylandt
<p>Working with Gemco Mine Groote Eylandt, as well as a Mambali Band Singer and Musician. Proud parent, with younger relatives now coming through the Future Footprints Parents.</p>			
<b>Graduate 29</b>	 Graduated: 2008	 Boarding Years: 4	 From: Broome
<p>Completed a Bachelor of Marine and Environmental Science and at Griffith University. Employed by the Department of Fisheries as a Research Assistant with their Abalone Monitoring Program. Completed a Graduate Certificate in Environmental Management at Edith Cowan University. Has been employed by Whale Research (Western Australia) and with Oceanwide Australia.</p>			

**Graduate 30**

Graduated: 2008



Boarding Years: 5



From: Moora

Finding options difficult in Perth post-secondary school, moved to Melbourne and worked as a store person, then became a stevedore before trying cooking and commencing studies at William Angliss Institute. Approached the National Indigenous Culinary Institute and went onto complete an apprenticeship with several high-profile wine bars. Married and supporting a young family now, but still nurturing my passion for native ingredients, and exploring horticulture, all the while connecting with culture, heritage, and family. Then a new role as Aboriginal Learning facilitator at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Victoria. Advocating for changes so that Australians can see more native Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander produce on supermarket shelves.

**Graduate 31**

Graduated: 2008



Boarding Years: 6



From: Broome

Employment in local community post-school. Completed Diploma of Building and Construction. Employment in the building industry then career shift into a government department as a Youth Support Worker.

**Graduate 32**

Graduated: 2008



Boarding Years: 5



From: Turkey Creek

Completed the Aboriginal Orientation Course (Science) at the University of Western Australia. Completed a Certificate II in Business and Administration. Trainee at Argyle Diamond Mine, then shifted to a global mining company in several roles – Fixed Plant Operator, Mechanical Fitter Apprentice, and currently qualified Mechanical Fitter.

**Graduate 33**

Graduated: 2009



Boarding Years: 4



From: Northampton

Completed a Bachelor of Youth Work at Edith Cowan University and is a registered Youth Worker currently employed as a Community Engagement Officer in Geraldton. Listed as a finalist in a WA Youth Work Awards while working for Save the Children and has a young family.

**Graduate 34**

Graduated: 2009



Boarding Years: 3



From: Kondinin

Completed a Bachelor of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Industrial Relations and Indigenous Studies at the University of Western Australia. Practiced as a registered lawyer for several years with different legal firms in Perth. Completed a Master of Teaching at Deakin University and now a registered teacher with the Department of Education, Western Australia. Worked for the last four years in several schools as a Teacher of Noongar Language, Aboriginal Languages Consultant, while also being the founder and co-director of a philanthropic organisation that seeks to inspire a new generation of students to become aware of the culture, aspirations, and perspectives of First Nations Australians.

**Graduate 35**

Graduated: 2009



Boarding Years: 3



From: Moora

Returned home for time with family and took up various jobs post-graduation as well as travelled. Currently house sharing in Perth and in second year of a Bachelor of Civil Engineering while employed as a trainee Civil Engineer by a state-wide agency in WA.



<b>Graduate 36</b>	 Graduated: 2009	 Boarding Years: 4	 From: Lombadina
<p>Spent time at home with family and worked various jobs connected with mining. Has returned to Perth and is close to completing a Bachelor of Exercise and Health at the University of Western Australia, while also working in the mining industry to support further study.</p>			
<b>Graduate 37</b>	 Graduated: 2009	 Boarding Years: 2	 From: Northampton
<p>Completed a Bachelor of Education at Deakin University, as well as a Master of Education. Registered primary school teacher that has worked in a Perth school and now an Aboriginal Education Consultant.</p>			
<b>Graduate 38</b>	 Graduated: 2010	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Broome
<p>Completed a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Journalism at Curtin University. Wrote and directed a documentary for NITV and completed the New York marathon with the Indigenous Marathon Foundation. Recently helped produce the second season of a six-part observational documentary. Currently relocated to Melbourne and has worked as a researcher, writer, director and story producer for both television and documentary film. Debuted on a NITV Football show.</p>			
<b>Graduate 39</b>	 Graduated: 2010	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Broome
<p>Currently studying at Notre Dame University and employed as an Aboriginal Inclusive Education Officer (AIEO) at a local school in Broome.</p>			
<b>Graduate 40</b>	 Graduated: 2010	 Boarding Years: 3	 From: Boddington
<p>An artist that interprets designs from pre-colonial and post-colonial Australian histories, while reflecting the natural world. Named WA's Young Person of the Year in 2018 and was awarded the Mission Australia Cultural Endeavours Award. Created art for the West Coast Eagles, Aboriginal storytelling events, the Woylie Festival, and has several murals around the State.</p>			
<b>Graduate 41</b>	 Graduated: 2010	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Broome
<p>Employed as an Administration Assistant at Woodside Energy Ltd then employed with St John of God WA. Commenced new role with a Western Australian Iron Ore Mining Group. Married with three sons.</p>			
<b>Graduate 42</b>	 Graduated: 2010	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Goomalling
<p>Spent time studying at the University of Western Sydney and employed as an Aboriginal Inclusive Education Officer at Meekatharra District High School. Now a Schools Programs Officer with a not-for-profit Aboriginal health organisation. Currently sits on an Advisory Group for a local council to support the development of its Reconciliation Action Plan 2020-2022, with the aim to build awareness of histories and cultures among the wider community and develop a strong sense of pride in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth and children.</p>			

**Graduate 43**

Graduated: 2010



Boarding Years: 5



From: Broome

Represented Australia at a National sporting level and went on the study at the University of Western Australia graduating with a bachelor's degree in Anthropology. Worked with Native Title, in the mining sector, and awarded a graduate program with Prime Minister and Cabinet, working with the Behavioural Economics Team of The Australian Government. Advocate for Youth Mental Health with a national peak body and has own creative media production company developing a web series around an Aboriginal Superhero universe and a cartoon series.

**Graduate 44**

Graduated: 2010



Boarding Years: 5



From: Lombadina

Completed a Bachelor of Commerce – Human Resources and Marketing at the University of Western Australia. Spent several years employed in Human Resources with BHP, then as a manager of scholarships and career pathways with a not-for-profit organisation, and now working for a non-government school in Perth and responsible for coordinating its Indigenous Scholarship Program. Just completed a Master of Social Policy at the University of Melbourne – with first class honours.

**Graduate 45**

Graduated: 2011



Boarding Years: 5



From: Broome

Artist. A growing profile with exhibitions across the State and Nation, including the National Art Gallery of Australia. Uses personal, powerful cultural connection to give a strong sense of pride and cultural identity to artwork, particularly through Riji Carving. Artworks seek to offer tangible links to ancestry, lineage and to evoke powerful feelings of connectedness and belonging. Has strong personal interest in most saltwater activities including free diving, fitness and nutrition and traditional and contemporary saltwater hunting, but equally in Aboriginal Archaeology and Anthropology Pharmacopeia.

**Graduate 46**

Graduated: 2011



Boarding Years: 5



From: Derby

Apprenticeship and now registered electrician specialising as an insurance underwriter for electricians.

**Graduate 47**

Graduated: 2011



Boarding Years: 4



From: Mount Magnet

Completed Indigenous Orientation Course (Science) at the University of Western Australia, then completed a Bachelor of Science – Environmental Science and Archaeology at Notre Dame University. Interned with Rio Tinto in Environmental Science, Cultural heritage and government approvals. Then employment with a Western Australian gold producer.

**Graduate 48**

Graduated: 2011



Boarding Years: 5



From: Katanning

Completed a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Western Australia, during which participated in international exchange program with University College Dublin, Ireland and University of Otago, New Zealand. Employed as a Student Engagement Officer of Indigenous Studies at a Western Australian University. Prior to this appointment, employed with the Department of Communities – WA in administration and as a Graduate Consultant with Indigenous Professional Services. Spent time in with the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council as an Anthropology Intern and Research Officer.



<b>Graduate 49</b>	 Graduated: 2011	 Boarding Years: 3	 From: Kununurra
<p>Employment with a local not-for-profit Aboriginal organisation as a Kimberley Youth Development Officer, a role that involves visiting remote communities in the East Kimberley to run sport and recreation programs, clinics, and carnivals. Supporting other regional initiatives such as Auskick, Save the Children, and the Clontarf Foundation. Still playing football with local team.</p>			
<b>Graduate 50</b>	 Graduated: 2011	 Boarding Years: 2	 From: Derby
<p>Completed a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Science and Management at the University of Western Australia, followed by a Master of Professional Engineering completed. President of the Western Australian Aboriginal Students Corporations and Indigenous Officer with the Student Guild Council. Employed as a Human Resources intern then Mechanical Engineering intern with BHP and now a Site Project Engineer on secondment and finally, currently working as an engineering consultant with a project management and asset management organisation providing cost effective solutions to the international mining industry.</p>			
<b>Graduate 51</b>	 Graduated: 2011	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Newman
<p>Completed studies at TAFE and apprenticeship to become a qualified Hairdresser.</p>			
<b>Graduate 52</b>	 Graduated: 2011	 Boarding Years: 3	 From: Broome
<p>After completing the Aboriginal Orientation Course at the University of Western Australia, went on to complete a bachelor's degree in sports science at UWA.</p>			
<b>Graduate 53</b>	 Graduated: 2012	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Kununurra
<p>Began an undergraduate degree at the University of Western Australia, then transferred to University of Melbourne, completing a Bachelor in Aboriginal Cultural Studies minoring in Environmental Studies. Now back on Country in the East Kimberley working as an Environmental and Heritage Contractor with a Western Australian government department. Also, active member of local Aboriginal Corporation.</p>			
<b>Graduate 54</b>	 Graduated: 2012	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Derby
<p>Completed a Bachelor of Arts in Society at the University of Western Australia. Participated in a National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games. Employed as a Human Resources Intern with Shell, Westpac, as well as in administration with Derby Aboriginal Health Service. Spent last five years employed as a Graduate Analyst and now Learning and Development Advisor with prominent natural gas company.</p>			



<b>Graduate 55</b>	 Graduated: 2012	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Derby
<p>Completed a Bachelor of Commerce – Finance and Economics. Intern financial analyst and engineering computer scientist with BHP. Director and business owner of contracting and consulting business focussed on civil, earthmoving and construction industries. Committee Member of local community chamber of Commerce and Industry.</p>			
<b>Graduate 56</b>	 Graduated: 2012	 Boarding Years: 4	 From: Broome
<p>Living in Perth and employed in the banking and finance industry, currently specialising in personal banking with a major Australian bank.</p>			
<b>Graduate 57</b>	 Graduated: 2012	 Boarding Years: 3	 From: Kununurra
<p>Gained an apprenticeship completing a Certificate III at TAFE in Heavy Metal Fabrication. Currently employed fly-in-fly-out in the mining industry and prior to this was a Boilermaker Welder with Kimberley Manufacturing.</p>			
<b>Graduate 58</b>	 Graduated: 2012	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Derby
<p>Currently lives in home community employed as a Senior Youth Officer with the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley.</p>			
<b>Graduate 59</b>	 Graduated: 2012	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Derby
<p>Completed a Bachelor of Biomedical Science at the University of Western Australia. Employment as a Pharmacy Assistant with the Kimberley Pharmacy Services, as well as Medical Assistant with Derby Aboriginal Health Services. Commencing Medical Degree at UWA – specialising as a General Practitioner in rural health, with the aim to return to community and work on closing the gap on health issues.</p>			
<b>Graduate 60</b>	 Graduated: 2012	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Broome
<p>Completed a Certificate II in Education Support through TAFE and is currently employed full-time as an Aboriginal Teachers Assistant (ATA) within the Catholic education system. In 2021, submitted application to join the WA Police Force.</p>			
<b>Graduate 61</b>	 Graduated: 2013	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Watheroo
<p>Completed a Diploma in Arts and Creative Industries at Curtin University, then was successful in securing an apprenticeship with Western Power Corporation.</p>			



<b>Graduate 62</b>	 Graduated: 2013	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Halls Creek
<p>Completed an apprenticeship with a prominent contracting company in the building industry and has returned to Halls Creek with to work with young people in their community around making positive life choices. Particularly the intersection of education, travel, and philanthropy and facilitating life-changing educational experiences for students. Part time actor, performing alongside Nicole Kidman.</p>			
<b>Graduate 63</b>	 Graduated: 2013	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Tom Price
<p>Recipient of the 2014 Chris Lewis Scholarship at Curtin University and studied a double bachelor's degree in commerce and law.</p>			
<b>Graduate 64</b>	 Graduated: 2013	 Boarding Years: 3	 From: Broome
<p>Completed a Bachelor of Commerce (Management) at the University of Western Australia, winning the School of Indigenous Studies Outstanding Academic Achievement award. Internship with Rio Tinto progressing through the graduate program and currently an Operational Readiness Analyst on a gold project.</p>			
<b>Graduate 65</b>	 Graduated: 2013	 Boarding Years: 4	 From: Newman
<p>Completed apprenticeship as a heavy-diesel mechanic with BHP and currently employed with a global mining company as a Train Examiner.</p>			
<b>Graduate 66</b>	 Graduated: 2013	 Boarding Years: 4	 From: Northam
<p>Pursuing passion for cricket. Selected for National Country Cricket Championships and recently made the cut for the 14-man National Indigenous Development Squad for a Top End Cricket Carnival in Darwin. Previously represented WA at under-16 age level and was part of the State's triumphant 2014 Imparja Cup side. Leading run scorer across all competitions regional Cricket Association.</p>			
<b>Graduate 67</b>	 Graduated: 2013	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Kununurra
<p>Certificate II in Business. Administration Assistant with local Aboriginal Corporation. Recently commenced a Bachelor of Arts in law and society.</p>			
<b>Graduate 68</b>	 Graduated: 2014	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Miling
<p>Completed bachelor's degree studies at Curtin University and has an owner operator business.</p>			
<b>Graduate 69</b>	 Graduated: 2014	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Halls Creek
<p>Pursuing passion for football and travelled interstate to play reserve grade in SAFL and VFL, progressing to playing for several AFL Clubs in the national league.</p>			



<b>Graduate 70</b>	 Graduated: 2014	 Boarding Years: 3	 From: Darwin
<p>Completed TAFE and registered Enrolled Nurse, previously employed by the Ear Bus Foundation. Currently employed at a regional senior high school.</p>			
<b>Graduate 71</b>	 Graduated: 2015	 Boarding Years: 6	 From: Leonora
<p>Currently studying a bachelor's degree in photography at Curtin University and recently appointed to deputy chairman position with an Aboriginal Art Centre in WA.</p>			
<b>Graduate 72</b>	 Graduated: 2015	 Boarding Years: 4	 From: Derby
<p>Studied bachelor's degree in business at the University of Western Australia. Currently a Dental Assistant.</p>			
<b>Graduate 73</b>	 Graduated: 2015	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Katanning
<p>Completed a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care. Currently working fly-in-fly-out as a housekeeping supervisor in the mining industry.</p>			
<b>Graduate 74</b>	 Graduated: 2015	 Boarding Years: 1	 From: Carnarvon
<p>Completed a cadetship with the Department of Communities in WA, then a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Human Resource Management at Curtin University. Spent time employed as an academic mentor and research assistant and has just taken on a new role as a graduate analyst with prominent natural gas company and working towards becoming a practicing Clinical Psychologist.</p>			
<b>Graduate 75</b>	 Graduated: 2015	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Corrigin
<p>Completed a bachelor's degree in Youthwork at Edith Cowan University and now works at a Juvenile Detention Centre located in WA.</p>			
<b>Graduate 76</b>	 Graduated: 2016	 Boarding Years: 6	 From: Halls Creek
<p>Completed a Bachelor of Commerce and Human Resource management at Curtin University and currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Law. Undertook vacation student employment at prominent natural gas company doing remuneration and policy with their Global Mobility Team and now involved in Talent Acquisition. Fundraiser for the Variety Children's Charity in WA (\$10,000 in 2019) to support the lives of disadvantaged or ill children.</p>			
<b>Graduate 77</b>	 Graduated: 2016	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Moora
<p>Completing a bachelor's degree in psychology and media and communications degrees at the University of Western Australia and drafted into the AFLW.</p>			



<b>Graduate 78</b>	 Graduated: 2016	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Derby
<p>Completed a Certificate IV in Aboriginal Performance with the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts. In 2019, travelled to Singapore to study an intensive program at the Intercultural Theatre Institute. Key performance role in Barking Geoke Theatre Company's production of My Robot and performed with Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company in FIFO. Currently completing a Bachelor of Performing Arts (Performance Making). Sits on the board of local Aboriginal Corporation.</p>			
<b>Graduate 79</b>	 Graduated: 2016	 Boarding Years: 4	 From: Roebourne
<p>Employed as a Community Liaison Officer with an Aboriginal organisation located in Perth, prior to this employed in administration at an Aboriginal foundation in Roebourne. Currently enrolled in a Diploma of Nursing with the goal to become a registered nurse.</p>			
<b>Graduate 80</b>	 Graduated: 2016	 Boarding Years: 3	 From: Broome
<p>Now in final year of a Bachelor of Science at The University of Melbourne.</p>			
<b>Graduate 81</b>	 Graduated: 2016	 Boarding Years: 6	 From: Broome
<p>Pursued passion for basketball and recently completed an Indigenous Internship Program with The Department of Education WA. Currently living and studying in Perth.</p>			
<b>Graduate 82</b>	 Graduated: 2016	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Quairading
<p>Completed a 12-month cadetship with the North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS) in Perth with Physiotherapy Department. Commenced an Aboriginal Cadetship Program with NMHS and are completing a Bachelor of Science Double Major in Sport Science and Exercise and Health at the University of Western Australia - all while fitting in sporting commitments as a player for a WAFL team. Recently recognised by a Perth Hospital's Head of the Physiotherapy Department for work with the Young Adult Rehabilitation ward and effectively engaging with clients from remote areas such as Mount Magnet, Carnarvon, and Geraldton areas.</p>			
<b>Graduate 83</b>	 Graduated: 2017	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Derby
<p>Completed apprenticeship and employed in the mining industry as a Drill and Blast Technician with Murchison Blasting and recently become a small business owner in the clothing industry. Commenced studies in a Bachelor of Business at James Cook University (JCU) and now living in Queensland.</p>			



<b>Graduate 84</b>	 Graduated: 2017	 Boarding Years: 2	 From: Northam
<p>Worked at Coles as a supervisor and prior to this as an Aboriginal Inclusive Education Officer with the Department of Education in WA. Commenced further study at Curtin University in the Pre-Medicine and Health Sciences Enabling Course – Health Services, Allied Health and Health Sciences. Living in Northam and working for a well-recognised not-for-profit organisation in WA at the local senior high school.</p>			
<b>Graduate 85</b>	 Graduated: 2017	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Derby
<p>Currently studying a bachelor's degree in commerce at Curtin University while working as an Aboriginal Liaison Officer (ALO) at a local primary school in the Catholic education sector.</p>			
<b>Graduate 86</b>	 Graduated: 2017	 Boarding Years: 4	 From: Nickol
<p>Currently studying bachelor's degree in marine biology at Curtin University.</p>			
<b>Graduate 87</b>	 Graduated: 2017	 Boarding Years: 4	 From: Leonora
<p>Currently studying bachelor's degree in social work and the arts at University of New South Wales. Well recognised visual artist in the northern Goldfields region of WA specialising in sculptures and ceramic materials and has exhibited and sold works at the Museum of Western Australia.</p>			
<b>Graduate 88</b>	 Graduated: 2017	 Boarding Years: 6	 From: Broome
<p>Currently living in Broome and employed by local Aboriginal organisation promoting sports and recreation to empower Kimberley communities to live active and healthy lives.</p>			
<b>Graduate 89</b>	 Graduated: 2017	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Newman
<p>Spent time pursuing various pathways into AFL and commenced employment with a major oil and gas company at an iron ore project site. Passionate about culture, people, and Country, contributes to NAIDOC events in local community, while also playing football for his local team in Newman.</p>			
<b>Graduate 90</b>	 Graduated: 2018	 Boarding Years: 6	 From: Laverton
<p>Undertook an internship with a Perth Police Station, which lead to commencing a cadetship with the Western Australian Police Force.</p>			
<b>Graduate 91</b>	 Graduated: 2018	 Boarding Years: 3	 From: Port Headland
<p>Commenced a traineeship as an Ejection Seat Technician, which includes the manufacturing of a range of crashworthy and crash-attenuating seats for helicopters and fixed-wing reconnaissance aircraft.</p>			



<b>Graduate 92</b>	 Graduated: 2018	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Katanning
<p>Commenced Bachelor of Sports Science at Edith Cowan University, then transferred to the University of Western Australia and living in residential accommodation at UWA. Employed part time as a football coach at his former boarding school. Won the Department of Communities University Achiever Award.</p>			
<b>Graduate 93</b>	 Graduated: 2018	 Boarding Years: 6	 From: Fitzroy Crossing
<p>Spent time employed as a Human Resources Assistant with local Aboriginal Corporation in the Fitzroy Valley region of the Kimberley. Supported Martuwarra Fitzroy River Council (MFRC) with its River of Life project, including the production of a short film, to promote the importance of culture and personal stories to young Aboriginal leaders – a Youth Film Project managed by Gooniyandi and Bunuba Traditional Custodians.</p>			
<b>Graduate 94</b>	 Graduated: 2018	 Boarding Years: 2	 From: Newman
<p>Professional musician and playing multiple venues through WA and interstate. Has won the Act Belong Commit Fairbridge Festival Quest Youth song writing competition.</p>			
<b>Graduate 95</b>	 Graduated: 2018	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Carnarvon
<p>Employed as a Medical Receptionist with a health service which is part of the Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service (GRAMS). Formally recognised by the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA) and awarded Young Achiever status.</p>			
<b>Graduate 96</b>	 Graduated: 2019	 Boarding Years: 3	 From: Carnarvon
<p>Commenced apprenticeship with BHP as Diesel Fitter and avid musician currently playing in local rock band.</p>			
<b>Graduate 97</b>	 Graduated: 2019	 Boarding Years: 4	 From: Kununurra
<p>Commenced in 2020 a Bachelor of Biomedical Science and Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing.</p>			
<b>Graduate 98</b>	 Graduated: 2019	 Boarding Years: 4	 From: Kalgoorlie
<p>Currently studying a bachelor's degree in conservation and biology at the University of Western Australia and completed Career Trackers Indigenous Internship Program with an environmental Non-Government Organisation.</p>			



<b>Graduate 99</b>	 Graduated: 2020	 Boarding Years: 5	 From: Cervantes
<p>Employed in the Mining Industry and currently completing the Aboriginal Training and Support (ATAS) traineeship program at a global mining company. An accomplished artist with exhibition at the Museum of Western Australia.</p>			
<b>Graduate 100</b>	 Graduated: 2020	 Boarding Years: 4	 From: Karratha
<p>Commenced apprenticeship with prominent natural gas company as an Electrical Technician.</p>			

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