

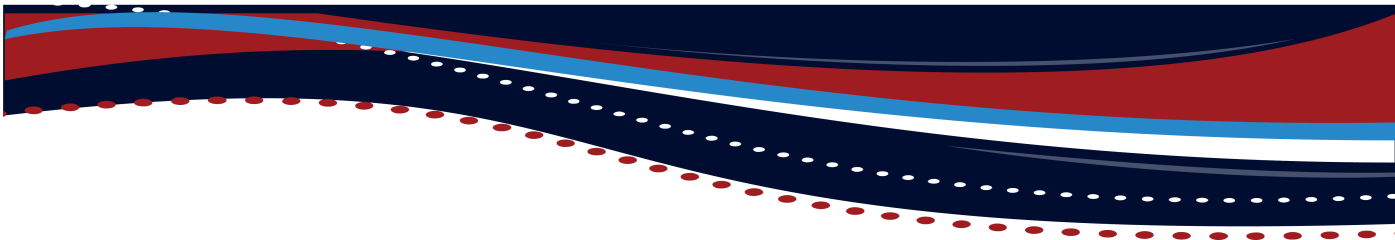
Future Footprints

Term 2 2017



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Footprints through the Kimberley



In the Term 1 school holidays Roni & Lisa embarked on a whirlwind tour of the Kimberley region. The aim of the tour was to meet parents and carers and visit communities.



We landed in Kununurra and was overwhelmed with the heat but got on with it and met many people and organisations such as Wunan and local football clubs. We hosted a sausage sizzle at the Waringarri Football Club training night and met many people.

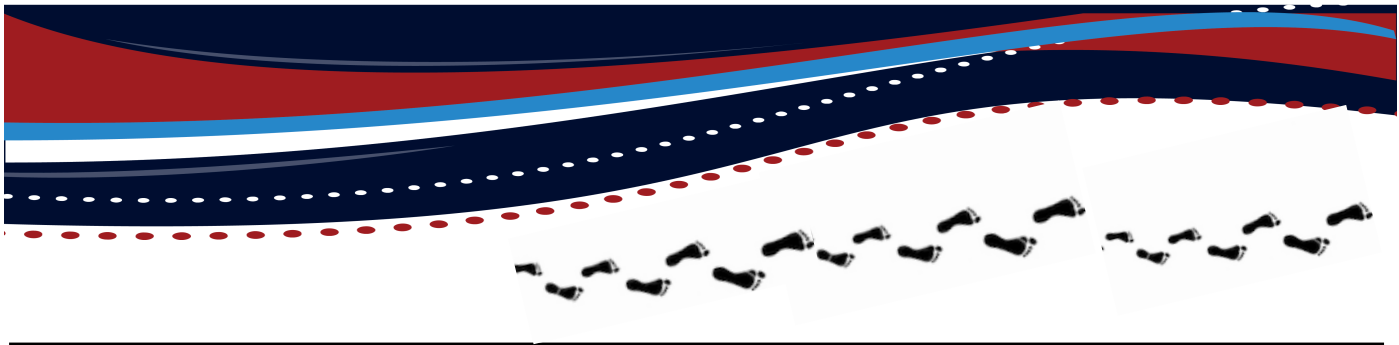
On a visit to the Waringarri art Centre we met Donald Imberlong (Hale School 2012) grandmother, who is the residential artist at the Centre. She gave us a tour of the Centre.

We drove over to Wyndham and met families there before leaving to drive down the great northern highway. We stayed and had a fabulous night at Warmun community watching the preview of The Warriors where local boy was starring in the movie. We especially enjoyed playing basketball with the kids and Cloudy the cow a local pet! We drove on to Fitzroy Crossing and we met up with Koharna Ross and Sanchia Rivers.



Highlight of the trip was our visit to Jarlmadangah. The community was so gracious and hosted us for the Easter break. We enjoyed fishing for cherubim, swimming in water holes, privileged to be a part of a baby's smoking ceremony and enjoyed a huge Easter feast with the Watson family.

We left Jarlmadangah to drive down the Savannah Way to Derby where we enjoyed 4 days of meeting families, ex students, and helping out with the basketball carnival. Everyone came to play basketball from all over the West Kimberley. It was such a great event to be a part of.



It was great to meet up with so many families of students we have supported in boarding over the years in Derby.

Bec and Gertrude O'Meara interviewed Lisa and I on the local radio.

In Derby we drove out to meet Lau Penaia and his family at Mowanjum art Centre. We were happy to see him working so diligently on his art and stories for his community. Lau gave Lisa & I a tour of their amazing art centre.

We left Derby very early in the morning and avoided cows all along the highway to Broome. Arriving in Broome Lisa left for Perth and Roni stayed on for the annual AISWA Broome conference.

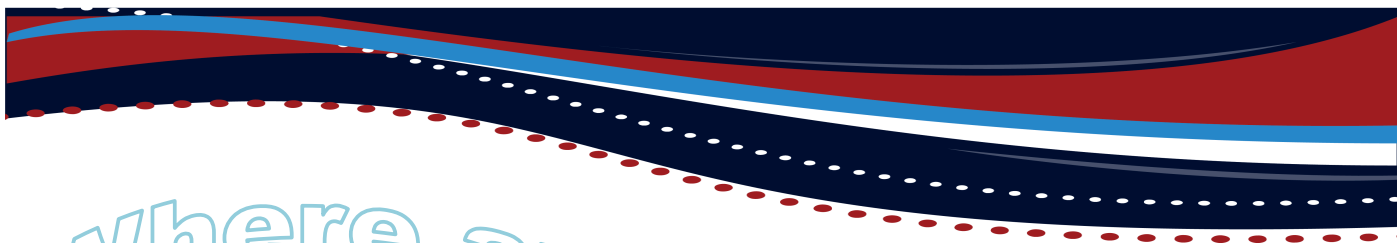


Roni was able to catch up with more families and Josie Farrer MLA Kimberley. It was terrific to talk to Josie about our program and how we support Kimberley kids in boarding in Perth.

It was a great delight to have been invited to a breakfast meeting with families at Cable Beach Broome. Maddy Rogers (St Mary's Anglican School for Girls) mother, Kathy, organised a get together with Bell-Carter, Cox & Gregory families.

We fulfilled the aim of the trip was to engage parents and seek to develop a parent advisory group which we are now developing after such a successful trip.





Where are they now?



Koharna Ross [PLC 2004] is the Aboriginal Liaison Officer with Wesley College Yiramalay in Melbourne and Sanchia McCarthy [PLC 2008] is a mother.



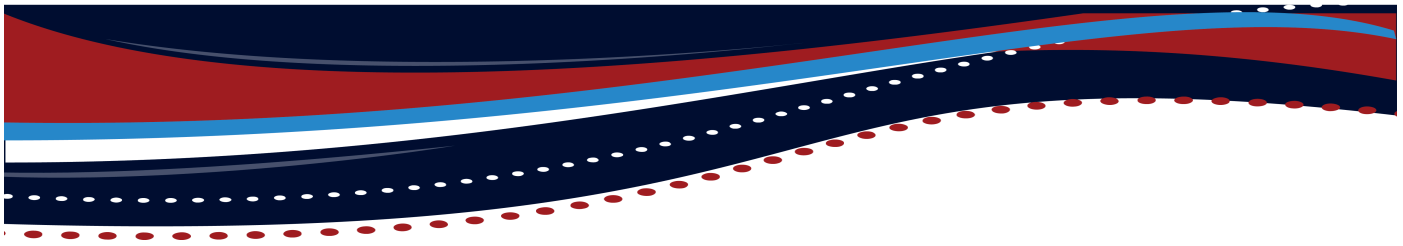
Montana Ahwon [St Brigid's College 2012] is the Manager of the Wunan House B&B in Kununurra



Sean OMeara [Hale School 2013] is an apprentice electrician in Derby.



Katie Ward [St Brigid's College 2010] is a police officer in Kununurra.



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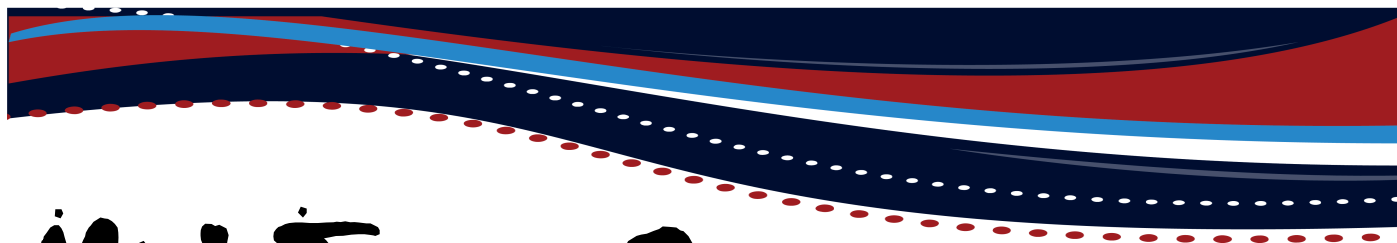
St Brigid's College Class of 2016 Graduate Bobbie Sue Mallard on commencing her Office Trainee role with Space Science CSIRO in Geraldton



Haylee Rivers [PLC 2010] is working for the Deadly Sistagirlz program with Wirrapanda Foundation.



Charles Mallard Wesley College 2009, Sarani Bin Bakar Iona Presentation College 2015 and Taylah Hastie St Brigid's College 2016 all study Youth Work degrees at ECU and are Future Footprints camp mentors.



Mid Term Camp



Term 2 camp was held at the wonderful Kerem Bush Camp in Bullsbrook.

What fun we had! Lisa and Ana had organised a full program of activities every day.

We had dancing, astronomy night, a fantastic quiz night organised by our University mentors Taylah Hastie, Sarani Bin Bakar, Charles Mallard and Ashton Ramirez Watkins.

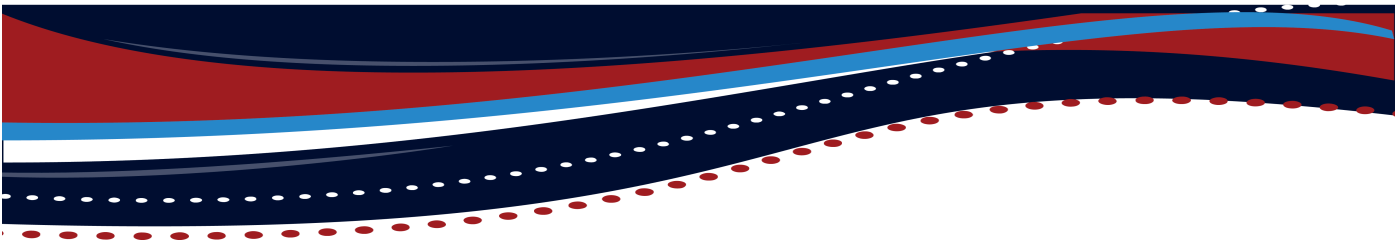
Students really enjoyed how the bush camp organised a fun colour war with three groups war-ring against each other.

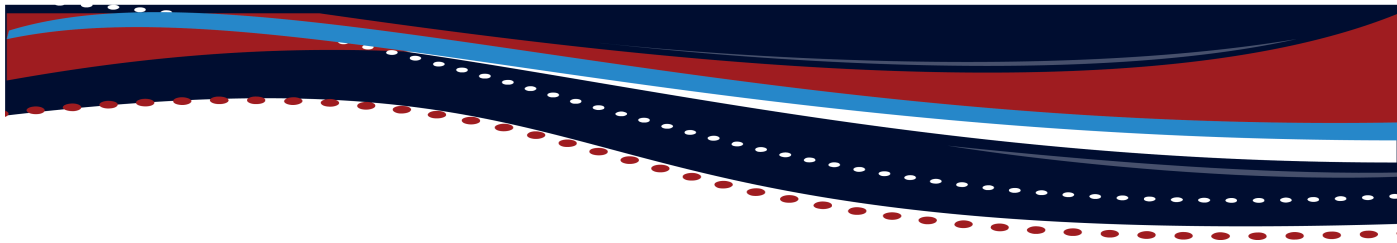
University student mentors organised a quiz night which was a treat. Students participated in very invigorating tai chi and martial arts lesson from Master Vincent. Every morning It certainly got everyone up and moving.

The boot camp sessions proved a bit challenging but when the girls team beat the boys team in a tug of war, it proved a winner. Well done girls.

At Kerem we were able to have a big roaring fire every night and this was a great place to chill and have a yarn and chill every night.

See you all at Fairbridge on the next Future Footprints Mid term break camp in August.



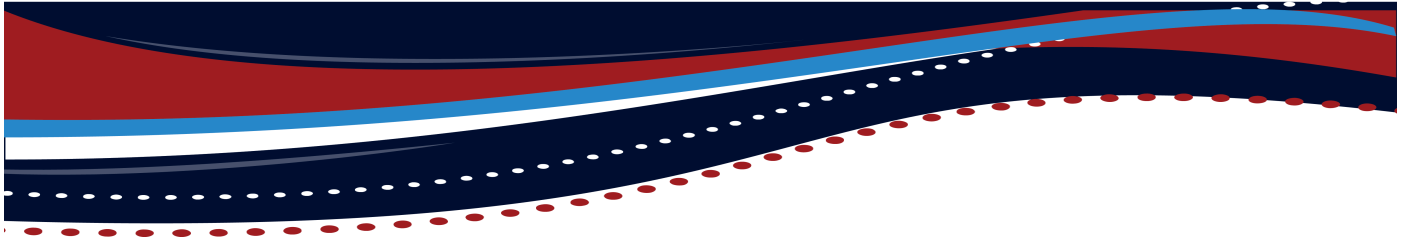


Future Footprints Student Council is an avenue for students to come together with representatives for all participating schools. It is a forum for students to have a voice, discuss issues and share stories and build networks.

The term 2 student council was held at Presbyterian Ladies College and our guest speaker was Jayde from The Blossom Guide.

Jayde ran an interactive session on how to develop awareness around social media, such as Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram.

In today's hyper connected society young people are faced with a constant barrage from social media and pop culture promoting the hyper sexualisation of young people. We discussed how to identify and stay true to your own values in these contexts. The students left with increased knowledge and understanding of how these topics can affect other areas of their life.



Madalah Ball

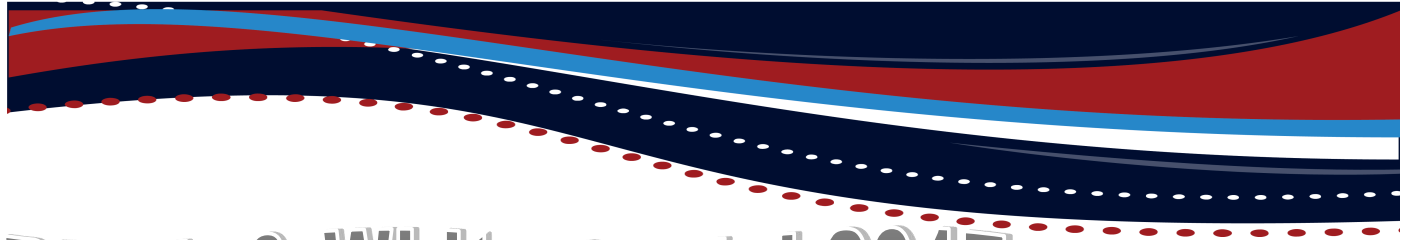


Madalah held its 2nd annual fundraiser Ball on Saturday 17th June at the Crowne. Madalah and Future Footprints work closely together in supporting students in boarding.

Pictured at the Ball are

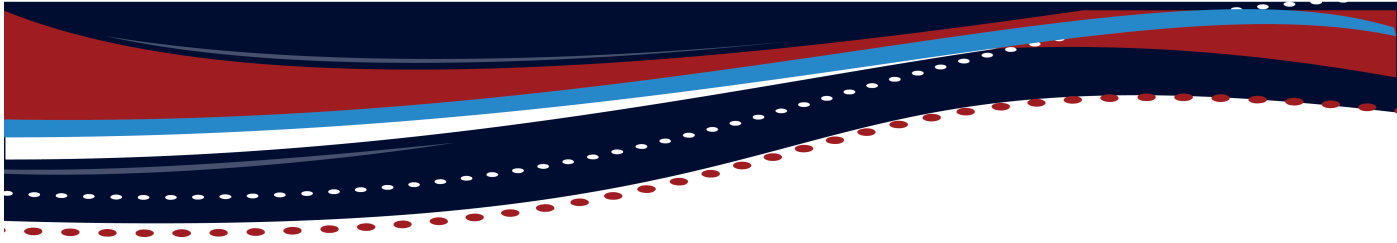
1. Future Footprints Coordinators
2. ex Future Footprints students supported by the program Kimba Benjamin, Samantha Bigwood and Marlee Hutton with Andrew Beck from Guildford Grammar School & Roni & Lisa.
3. Lisa Fieldhouse with Kimberley Land Council Chair Anthony Watson.





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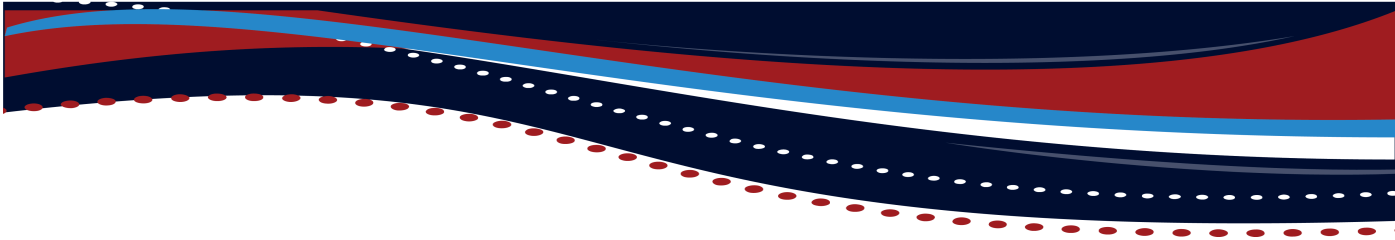
Over 300 students attended the annual B&W Social this year held for the first time at Penrhos College. Students had such a ball and many dressed in the theme of '50 years of Celebrating the Referendum 1967-2017.

There was prizes for the best dressed male and female which was won by Izaiah from Scotch College and Ingrid from Presbyterian Ladies College. Both had dressed in 60's fashion of flares, tie dyed shirts and headbands.

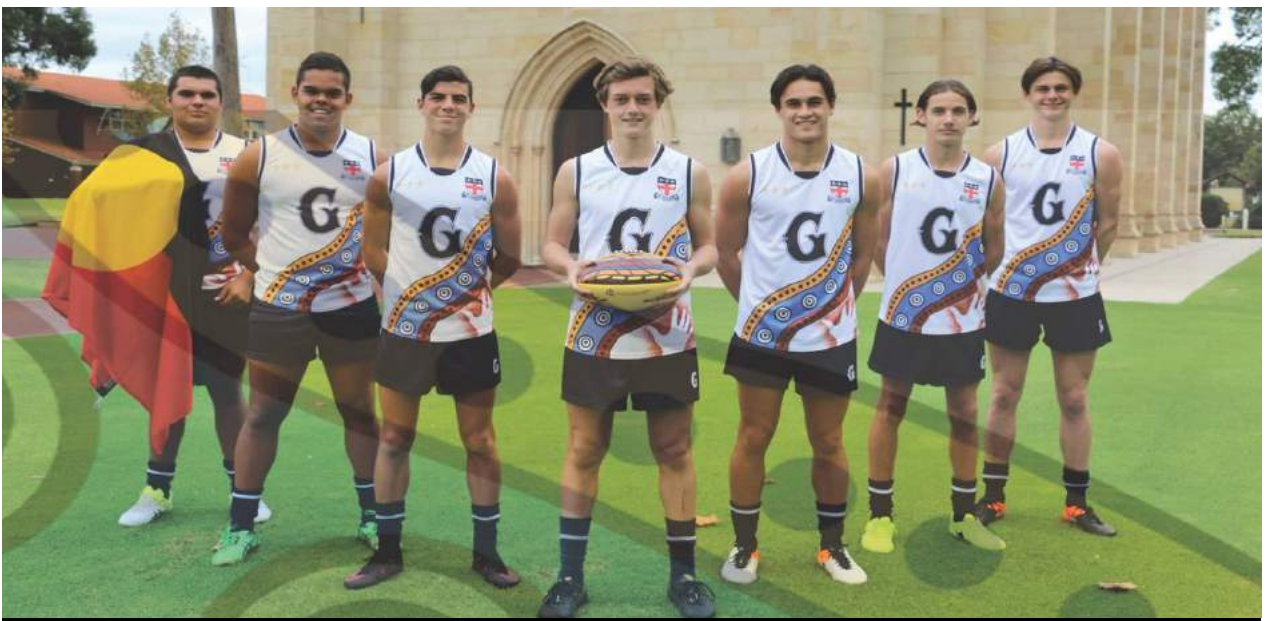
Students danced to a DJ and enjoyed a light supper of pizza.

Many thanks to teachers who supervised and boarding staff who transported students. Thanks to Lisa Fieldhouse, Danielle Glucina and staff at Penrhos College for organising another great event.



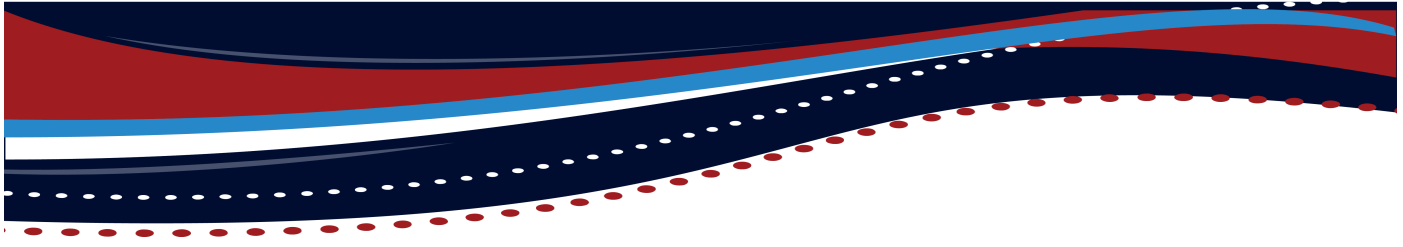


Christ Church Grammar School students in their Indigenous designed jumpers



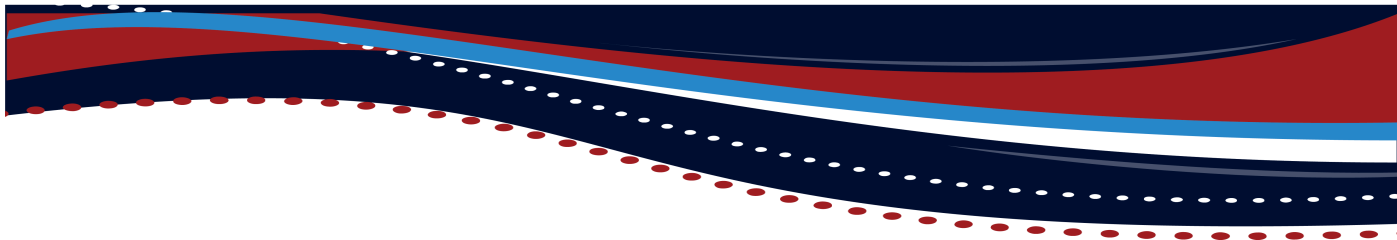
Guildford Grammar School students with their Indigenous round football jumpers

PSA Football Indigenous Round 2017



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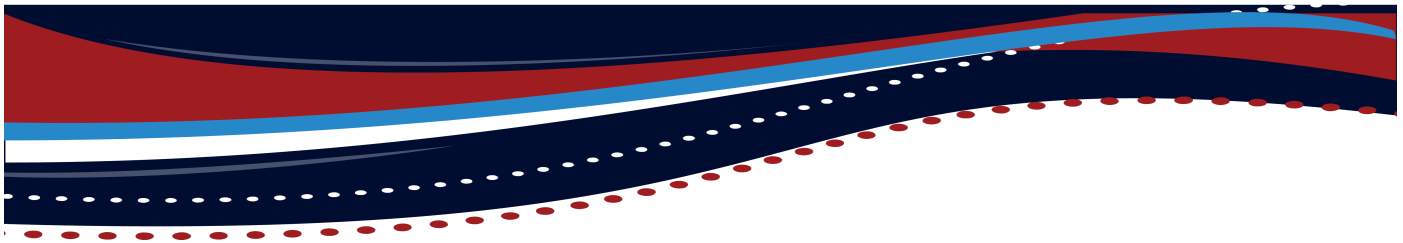
Career Expo 2017

Future Footprints has been coordinating the Career Expo for nine years. This year it was decided to reinvigorate the Expo by relocating to another host University. Curtin University put their hand up to host the 2017 Future Footprints Indigenous careers Expo. The University Stadium proved an excellent venue for the Expo. With over 30 stalls ranging from government departments to large corporate companies who offer traineeships, and cadetships to school based training there was a lot of information for school leavers. Students received a very warm welcome from Curtin University Elder-in-Residence Professor Simon Forrest and the Vice Chancellor Professor Deborah Terry.

The West Coast Eagles have always been very supportive of the Career expo and once again attended. Josh Hill was one of three excellent speakers who spoke of their educational journeys. Isaiah Attkins is a medical student at Curtin University and shared his inspirational story of how he decided to study medicine. St Brigid's College student Eleisha Ozies, now a graduate at Woodside, told students of her study at UWA and graduating and now in the workforce.

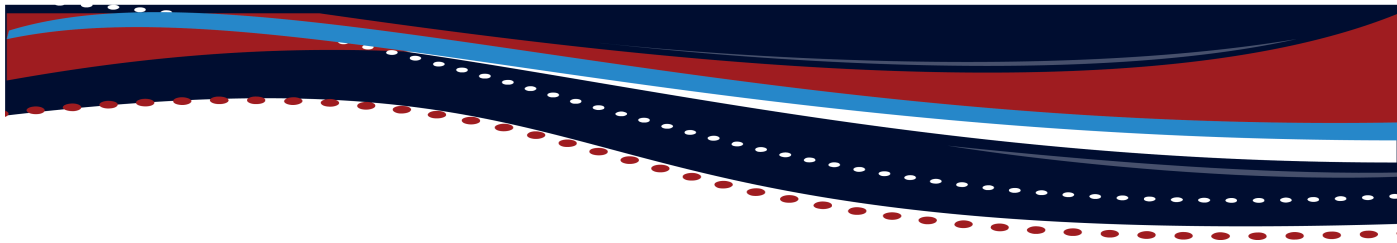
Travis Klymiuk-McIlroy was the very entertaining MC for the panel discussion and students were spell bound listening to his story of being a foster child and then living as a gang member and now a very successful basketball coach and Director of his own Academy. Feedback from students was that it was a very special evening and many received excellent information on scholarships, cadetships and accommodation options. [career options.](#)





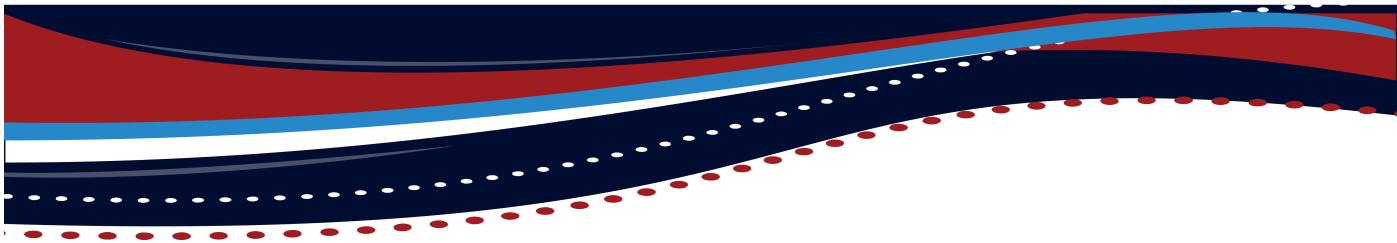
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Michael Spratt graduated from Wesley College in 2014 after spending 5 years as a boarding student. During his final year he worked under the guidance of art teacher Yvonne Weise to create a series of beautiful coolamons made of glass. Michael's art was immediately recognised as something of a very high standard and something very desirable. Michael had the idea to teach the younger students how to make them afterschool. He showed them how to tell their own stories using glass. Once students started making the coolamons teachers at the College wanted to buy them as they identified them as uniquely Australian gifts. Before long news had spread about the coolamons and people were ringing up inquiring how they could purchase one. Soon Wesley College began selling them in local art galleries and shops. Today the coolamons have travelled around the world, to Italy and the USA, Malaysia and China. On retirement from the position of Editor at the Australian Newspaper, Clive Mathieson was presented with a Coolamon, a gift in recognition of his support of a Wesley College scholarship provider. Coolamons are now displayed in houses and offices of diplomats, academics and friends and family of Wesley College, helping to tell the stories of Indigenous students fulfilling their dreams and telling their stories.





Pictured are some of the glass coolamons and made by the Wesley College students

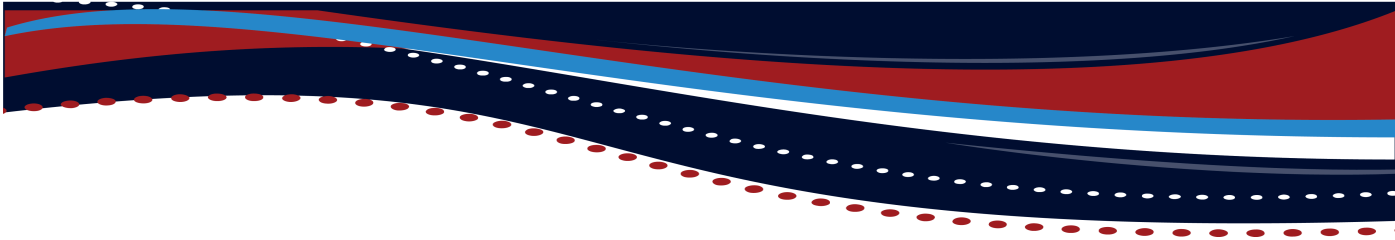


Student Councillors

Kristen Smith is from Derby. Kristen is 16 years old and attend Presbyterian Ladies College. She currently plays volleyball, basketball, and badminton. When Kristen leaves school she is wanting to become a Tech Engineer. Kristen’s favourite food is pasta or pizza with her favourite drink being lemon, lime and bitters. Kristen has two pets a pit-bull and a turtle.



Harrison Riley is from “The Farm” near Derby. Harrison is 16 years old and attended Guildford Grammar School. Harrison goal is to play AFL and also take up a trade. He currently plays footy and basketball. Harrison’s favourite food is pasta or fried rice and his favourite drink is Coke. Harrison had one dog, an English bulldog.



Prince Alfred College visit

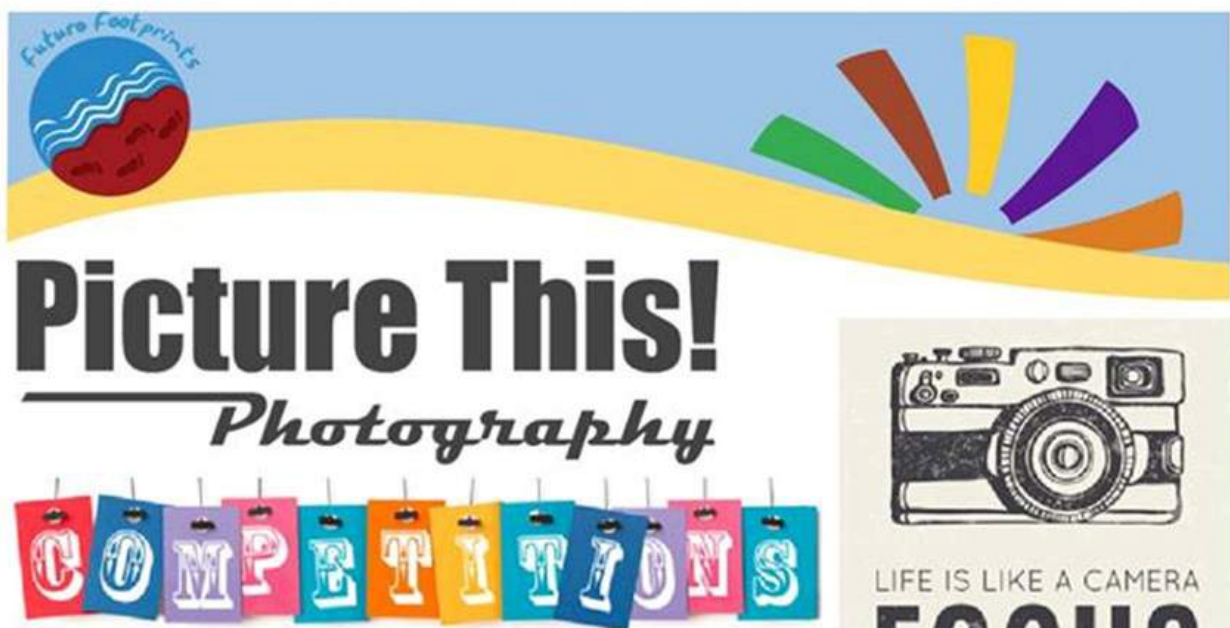
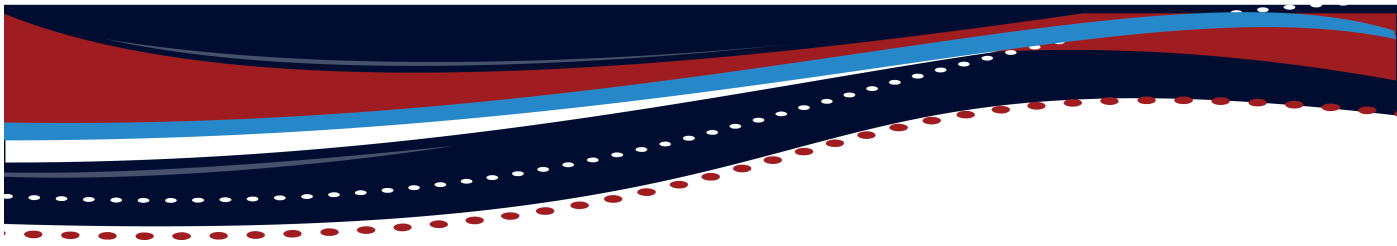
Recently we had an interstate visitor from South Australia.

Indigenous Student Support officer Mrs Monica Magann from Prince Alfred College visited Guildford Grammar School, Hale School and Wesley College this term to see how their programs developed. Prince Alfred is a residential College in Adelaide and they are wanting to build and develop their program from ideas and aspects of our Future Footprints participating schools.

National Aboriginal & Islander Day of Celebration

St Mary's Anglican Girls School held their NAIDOC Week assembly this week. We are very proud of our two girls Tenique Bonney and Skye Rogers who chose and read a poem that meant something special to them. They also had Kimba Benjamin as their guest speaker who shared a bit of her story and the importance of keeping Aboriginal languages alive. Kimba also reminded the St Mary's students that Aboriginal culture is the world's oldest surviving AND THRIVING culture. After assembly the girls encouraged other students to try the kangaroo, emu and crocodile sausages.



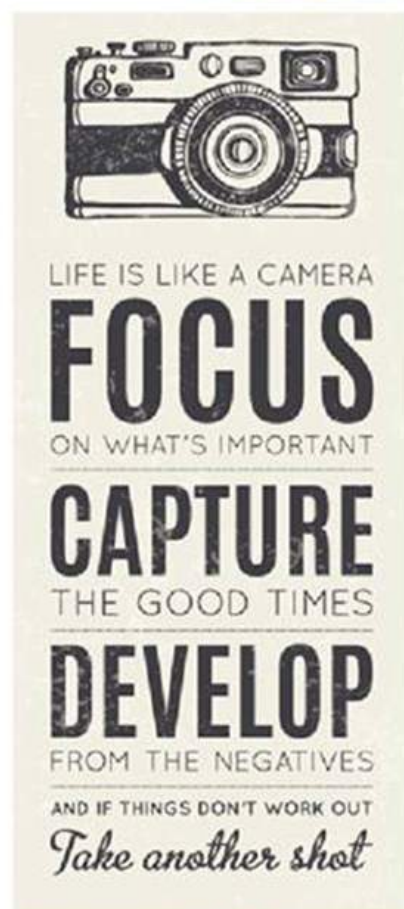


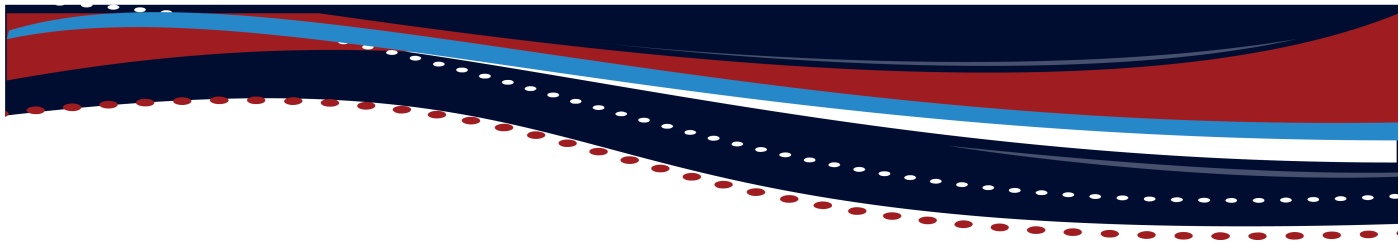
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St Brigid's College NAIDOC Day



Cultural dancing



Face painting

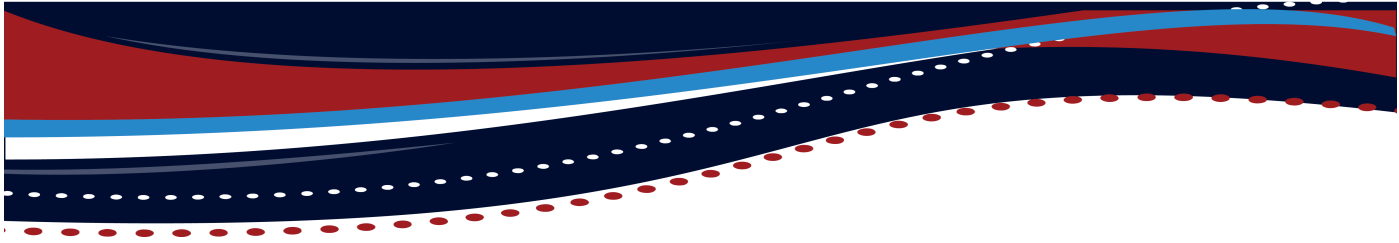


Kangaroo stew & damper

Welcome to country



Visiting students



Sorry Day

An annual event at Wellington Square where thousands of people come down, including many school groups, to explore the experiences and impact of 'Stolen Generations' government policies on First West Australian people. This year is 20 years, a significant anniversary for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. The landmark report into the Stolen Generations highlighted the past practice of removing Aboriginal children from their families and the ongoing impact of those policies. Everyone came together to commemorate.



Future Footprints Camps are fun!



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