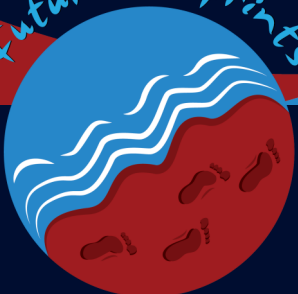




2018 Term 1

Future Footprints



Future Footprints Newsletter



2018 has got off to a very busy start. There have been many events held for students including the Annual Welcome to Country event in Kings Park in Week 2. Students were treated to a superb welcome by Barry McGuire and his family. Barry delivered a great message and encouraged the students to embrace education and most the most of their opportunities whilst boarding in Perth and to take advantage of all the support that is on offer.

It was terrific to see ex Future Footprint students come back and participate in events and give back to the program that supported them in their school years. They are terrific role models.

Students attended other events such as Kevin Rudd's speech on the apology and performed at the inaugural AFL game at the new Optus Stadium. Many students won awards and participated in public speaking events.

A small group of students enjoyed a 'home-style' camp up at Moore River. Students lived with supervisors and mentors in a two story house and enjoyed many activities in the region. Please contact us to book for Mid Term Camp May 31– June 3. Numbers are limited.

Lisa and I are always available to parents and carers from regional areas who may require assistance with your family in Perth. Please contact us on the address on back cover.

Please have a safe and enjoyable break.

Roni & Lisa

Front Cover Pic: Future Footprints students Tyler Bellotti Perth College, Jonah Davis Williams Scotch College & Brooklyn Roberts Penrhos College, at the 2018 Welcome to Country ceremony in Kings Park.



WANTED INTERESTED PARENTS

Is your child at Boarding School?

Do you want more information about school, boarding, Abstudy, scholarships, or just living in Perth.

We want to hear from you.

We want to share with you your child's successes at school

Share what they are achieving and what they want to achieve.

We want to discuss fantastic opportunities available to your child as well as future career pathways and support available to them after they leave school.

We will assist in your decisions, ideas and questions that shape the destiny of your child's future.

We are here to support your child in their boarding school journey

Contact us TODAY

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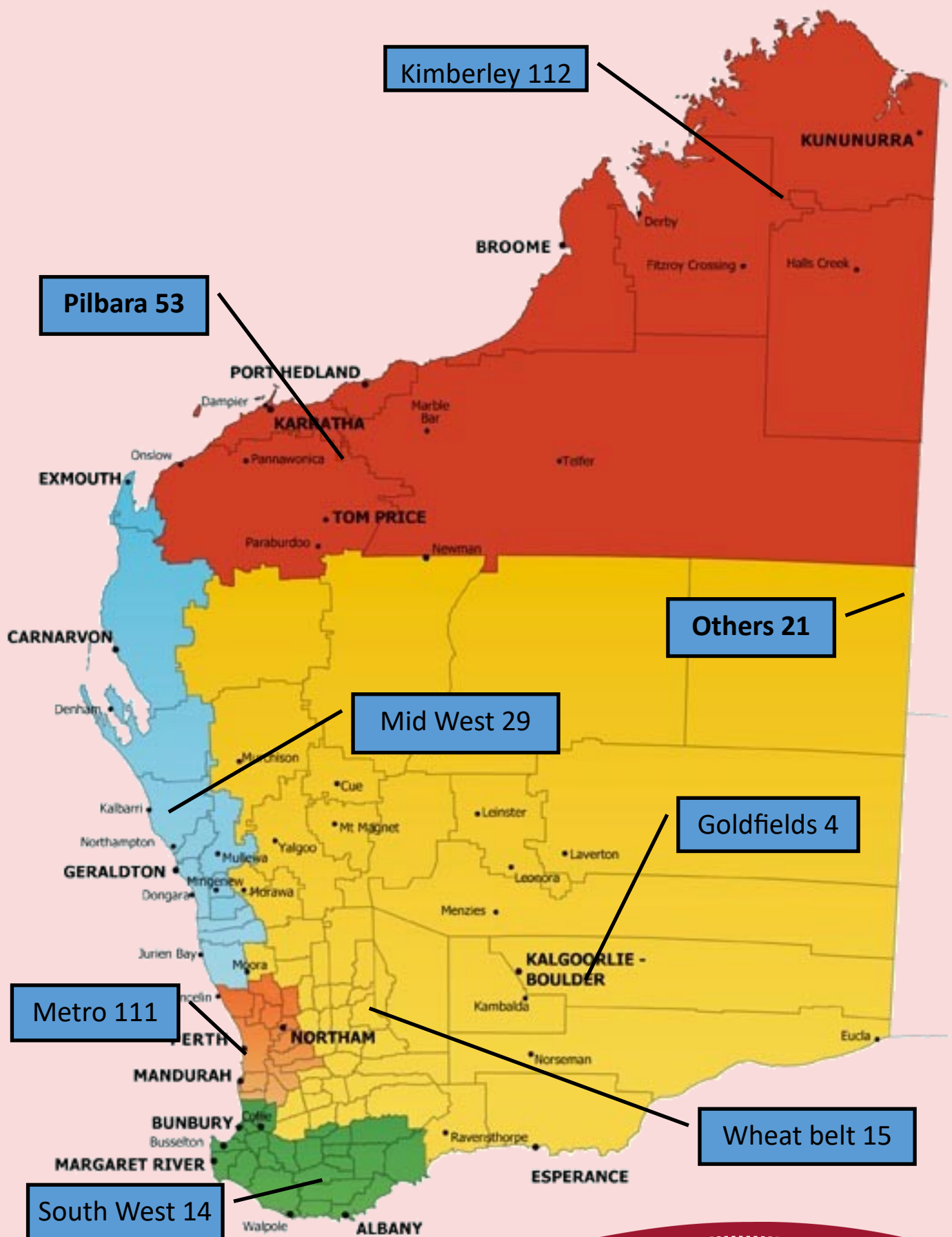
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Where do all our 359 students come from?



Term 1 Boarders Weekend Camp



We had a beautiful family atmosphere at our Term 1 boarders midterm camp, with 10 students at Moore River. We had a 2 storey house that allowed us to lay on hammocks on the upstairs veranda and enjoy the views. Otherwise students were off at the river doing stand-up paddle boarding, fishing, playing cricket with the locals or learning lawn bowls. The students loved the food, but loved Waffles and Mousse the best... the family labrador and mini sausage dog. **Term 2 camp will be held 31 May—1 June at Hovea in Perth Hills.**



AISWA recently launched their Reconciliation action Plan. To honour the event we held a community art class with Noongar artist Jenny Knapp. Jenny assisted the group in developing a story of *Djilba Springtime*

This artwork, created by the staff at the Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia (AISWA), under the watchful guidance of Jenny Knapp, celebrates our strong commitment to reconciliation and the launch of our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

This story is of springtime, or the Djilba season, when the waterways and lakes are full and wildflowers are in bloom, creating the colours of land on Noongar boodja (country).

The AISWA offices are situated near Herdsman Lake, which is traditionally called Ngurgenboro. Djilba season is part of the Noongar six seasons.

AISWA would like to acknowledge that the land we work on is Whadjuk Noongar boodja and that the Whadjuk Noongar people are the traditional owners and custodians who have a rich social, spiritual and historical connection to this country, which is as strong today as it was in the past.

Pictured below are some of the AISWA staff at the RAP Launch



AISWA RAP Launch



Kevin Rudd 10 Year Apology Visit

It was unreal to see that the whole auditorium filled top to bottom. Out of all the people in the room, I was one of six students from Wesley; in fact, we were the only students in the room. Kevin Rudd, the Former Prime minister from 2007 to 2010 and again in 2013 delivered the 10-year anniversary of the Apology for the stolen generation of Australia.

The apology was a historic milestone for us, the indigenous people of Australia. Between the years 1910 and 1970 taking away of half caste (half-indigenous, half-Caucasian) children from families was occurring. Kevin Rudd apologized to all the indigenous Australians that were forcibly removed from their families and put in missions or made to work for non-Indigenous families. Mr Rudd had grown up in a small town by the name of Nambour, Queensland. "I was mates with a lot of the indigenous kids in the town," Kevin said. He knew from his experience growing up that Indigenous Australians were not how some other people view aboriginal people. Kevin enjoyed having the company and support of his mates.

Sitting in this lecture theatre helped me understand this man and his actions. He tried to make steps to repair damage that will last a lifetime and beyond for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples. He spoke highly of those that he had grown up with and met through his lifetime.

Kevin Rudd referred to Eddie Mabo as a great influence for the people of his country and that he made good choose for the future generations. Also another indigenous leader he related to was Ben Wyatt, the indigenous representative in parliament from Western Australia. Kevin strongly believes that there should be more indigenous and Torres Strait Islanders in parliament to take a stand for their country.

As a Year Eleven Indigenous student about to go into the real world and experience it for myself, going to this event was every important to help me understand what had occurred in the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islanders. I was just a child when this event occurred but then not knowing that this very humble event happened until I was 15 years old.

As I have said that, this was a historic milestone for Indigenous and Torres Strait Islanders. People should pay a closer attention to the actual reason why Kevin Rudd apologised and the hearts he has healed from this marvellous event.

By Cordell Green—Wesley College 2018

Curtin University Honours Future Footprints Students

In 2017 5 Year 12 graduates were awarded Curtin University Indigenous Partnership's Recommendation Award Scholarships. Our partnership with Curtin University is growing steadily and students with the four students taking up offers to study at Curtin.

Congratulations to the following students:

Lakeisha Wear from Karratha graduated from St Brigid's College and studying Science degree.

Maeisha Ramirez-Watkins from Port Hedland and graduated from Perth College applied for entry to the Pre –Med Course to do B.Science (Nursing).

Jaden Dzubiel from Perth and graduated from Guildford Grammar Schools applied for B.Sc (Mechanical Engineering).

Keihana Carter from Broome who graduated from Presbyterian Ladies' College and enrolled in B.Sc (Coastal and Marine Sciences) and **Jasmin Simpson** from Morawa who graduated from Santa Maria College has secured employment at home in Morawa and deferred studying.



Sharing Boarding Experiences

There are many opportunities to learn public speaking at school and recently students were invited to share their stories of boarding at the **Aboriginal Independent Community Schools conference** held in Perth, with Roni Forrest. The students spoke to Principals, teaching staff and Aboriginal teacher aides of the remote schools in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions.

Jalen Coppin from Yandeyarra and Corbyn Bevan from Beagle Bay attending Guildford Grammar School spoke of their experiences of coming from a small community to such a big school and how they coped with the change. They both have embraced all the school has to offer them and both have leadership roles within the school.

Wesley College students Lehm Bradshaw from Derby, Cordell Green from Fitzroy Crossing and Rahmali Charlie from Broome also spoke of their boarding experiences and how they have enjoyed boarding life. All students spoke with such confidence and passion.



St Brigid's College partners with Role Models Inc.

St Brigid's College recently recognised and celebrated International Women's Day during March in their new Girls Academy Room. St Brigid's College Girls Academy will be officially launched in Term 2, and the girls are looking forward to enjoying many more events and partaking in the initiative provided by Role Models and Leaders Australia in unison with St Brigid's College. The Girls Academy equips Indigenous girls with the tools required to engage in their education, achieve their goals and change their communities. Intensive one-on-one school and post school mentoring and support programs aim to reduce the barriers that prevent Indigenous girls from reaching their full potential. Our program managers, support staff, mentors and role models are sourced from within the local communities of which we operate. The Girls Academy represents the pinnacle of work readiness programs by fostering the skills required for better opportunities to contribute to the social and economic outcomes of the wider community.



St Brigid's College Aboriginal Liaison Officers Carly Aitchison & Kaisha Jetta pictured with students.



The Wesley College Moorditj Mob assisted Professor Simon Forrest, a Whadjuk Elder, perform a Welcome to Country ceremony for the very first AFL match played at Optus Stadium. Students were escorted back stage to prepare for the dance passing popular players from both the Eagles and Sydney Swans football teams.

A highlight was teaching the current Foreign Minister, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party, Local Member and West Coast Eagles Number 1 ticket holder, the Hon Julie Bishop how to flip the coin.

Guildford Grammar School Year 7 Orientation Camp

Every year the school conducts a Orientation camp for Year 7 students. Students participate in many team building and leaderships activities throughout the week. This year the students had a very interactive learning experience of Noongar culture from Simon & Roni Forrest and Andrew Beck.

They learnt about how Noongar people lived off the land and how tools and artefacts were made. The student enjoyed painting their stories on rocks and learning about totems and then were given a totem for their group. Simon and Andrew also performed a small smoking ceremony for all new students to the school.

In the following evenings they presented their stories to the facilitators at the Camp. Student performed stories of how the kangaroo (yonga) got its tail, how birds got their colours and how the chuditch got its spots. Feedback on the day was that students thoroughly enjoyed the learning experience. On the final night they were presented with the story rocks which they treasured.



Guildford Grammar School Year 7 Orientation Camp



Christ Church Grammar School student Year 9 student, Tyrell Stewart, competed in and won the South East Asian Youth Baseball Tournament representing WA in the Philippines. **Awesome Tyrell.**



Congratulations



Congratulations also go to Year 9 Christ Church Grammar School student Raquell Bin Rashid. Raquell was selected in the Fremantle Dockers Next Generation Academy training trials.

Well done Raquell!



Guildford Grammar School Sports Day



Lachie wins music award

Congratulations to Year 12 Aquinas College student, Lachlan Thomas for winning the Song Craft category in the 16-18 year-old age group of the 2018 Act-Belong-Commit Fairbridge Festival Quest. This event is supported by West Australian Music (WAM) and is a real boon to win for a young and developing songwriter/performer. Anyone who has heard Lachlan perform any of his own material is moved by the simple power of his story-telling and the uncommon maturity in his writing.

Lachlan's Act-Belong-Commit competition win followed a shortlist play-off at Fremantle College last weekend and has granted him workshop and performance spots at this year's Fairbridge Festival on Sunday 22nd April, so make sure you catch Lachlan's set at Fairbridge on the Sunday if you're there! The list of prizes he won also includes recording time at John Butler Studio, a professional photoshoot with HK Photography, and the opportunity for a Pitch Perfect publishing contract.

Lachlan won for his song, "The Stockman's Grandson", a down-to-earth ballad that speaks to a sense of family duty and commitment to learn and pass on to the next generation the vital skills of the stockman despite hardship and sudden tragedy. It is inspired directly from his travel experiences and family stories. Lachlan was helped to record a demo of the song at Aquinas which he sent in and had subsequently shortlisted. He was then invited to perform the song live for the adjudicators at a Finals event at Fremantle College last weekend.



"The other competitors were all very talented musicians, and each of their songs were brilliant and well written; I was sure I wasn't going to be in contention for any prize, but if I were to win one, it would be in the 'performance' category." "My song-writing is all about story-telling and connecting with people, so to win the craft category was a huge honour."

Lachlan certainly has that special 'it' factor with huge potential as both a songwriter and performer, and his instrumental Music teachers are, naturally, very proud of him for achieving this wonderful and exciting result!



In Term 1 Hale School and St Mary's Anglican Girls School Indigenous students spent their evenings preparing art pieces for a combined NAIDOC Art Exhibition later in the year.

Students travelled over to Hale School this term to complete the art works.

The Indigenous mentor former St Marys College graduate, Jasmin Stewart, came along to contribute and enjoy the fun. There was a lot of laughter and chatter amongst the team. Everyone really enjoyed themselves.





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