

Tenth Edition

Welcome to the tenth edition of our *Alumni News*, a publication keeping students connected with Margaret River Independent School, formerly Nyindamurra Family School.

Inspired by our 30th (2012) and 40th anniversaries (2022,) we are reconnecting with former students via an Alumni List and this quarterly newsletter, featuring updates from past students and contemporary school news.

We want to share your news & memories of the school and maintain strong links with you for the future. We invite you to visit the Alumni section on the school's website @ www.mris.wa.edu.au and see all our news on Facebook.

Please join our Alumni List, share some memories with us for future editions and perhaps include a current photo of yourself at work or play or with your family.

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Zali's heart is in The Arts!



Curatorial Journey: Zali at the Art Gallery of WA

Former MRIS student, Zali Morgan was recently appointed as the new Assistant Curator of Indigenous Art at the Art Gallery of Western Australia.

Zali credited her passion for The Arts, and love of nature to her schooling (2006-2011) at MRIS (formerly Nyindamurra Family School).

"MRIS has instilled in me an underlying value of nature and The Arts. It allowed me to flourish from a young age." Zali said. She said one teacher, in particular, nurtured her connection to nature.

"My greatest memories at MRIS would be the invaluable time spent in nature with my favorite teacher Ashley, whom I have a great relationship with still! I remember being truly devastated when she went on maternity leave."



Drama Queen: Having fun at MRIS in 2020 working as the Dance & Drama EA

Zali returned to MRIS in 2019 to do a high school work placement and then again in 2020 as the Dance & Drama Education Assistant. Dance & Drama teacher, Sky River said "Zali's excitement and enthusiasm for The Arts filtered through to our students and was a great inspiration for those keen to pursue this field."

Currently studying a Bachelor of Creative Arts, with a Fine Arts major at Curtin University, Zali's work at the Art Gallery of WA is a further amazing opportunity to progress her career and curatorial journey.

She also recently took part in two Residentials in Canberra with the Indigenous Arts Leadership Programme, a professional and cultural development opportunity supporting First Nations arts workers to deepen their understanding of creative sectors and build support networks.

FutureFives Project

You are invited to contribute a multiple of 5 (\$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$500) each term.

This project follows the school's Bush School motto— *From little things, big things grow* — demonstrating that small ongoing contributions can assist with big developments.

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