



Alumni News

A quarterly newsletter to keep you in touch with happenings at MRIS (formerly Nyindamurra Family School)
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11th Edition

Welcome to the 11th 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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Learning the Language of Jazz!



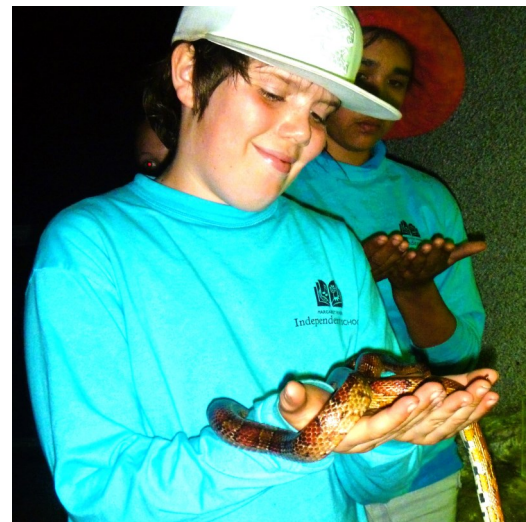
Exciting new talent: Bryn Larkin

Considered one of Perth's finest young musicians, former Margaret River Independent School student, Bryn Larkin credits his early schooling with "pushing him to take challenges seriously."

"I remember being challenged by Yr 6 teacher, Gus Barker to take English seriously, something which I greatly benefitted from going forward," Bryn said.

"In 'adult life' (whatever that means), you're often required to do things that you don't particularly enjoy. Gus taught me if something is a necessity it's worth doing well, regardless of whether you enjoy it or not."

A rising star in the local Perth Jazz scene, Bryn is one of the most prolific performers of his age and has recorded and performed both nationally and internationally.



Smooth Operator: Bryn at the MRIS Canberra Camp in 2011

His passion for improvising, experimenting and interacting with music has sealed his reputation as an exciting new Jazz guitar talent.

Bryn recently graduated from the West Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA), majoring in jazz guitar. Over the years, he has had the opportunity to perform with the likes of Katie Noonan (Brisbane), Mariel Bildsten (NYC), Tom Scott (LA) and locals acts such as Freddie Grigson, The Tom O'Halloran trio and Daniel Susnjar. These fantastic opportunities and musicians have inspired, driven and shaped Bryn's sound and style.

Bryn is currently teaching part-time, and playing music at various venues and events in Perth and the South West. He is aiming to release his first full length album by 2024.

Future Fives 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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