



# Alumni News

A quarterly newsletter to keep you in touch with happenings at MRIS (formerly Nyindamurra Family School)  
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## 12th 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](http://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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## Kirra Comes Back to MRIS!



A young Kirra Heussenstamm at MRIS

Former MRIS student Kirra Heussenstamm returned to school recently as part of a 2-week Margaret River Senior High School (MRSHS) work placement.

Kirra attended MRIS for 8 years and is a second generation student.

Her father, Karl Heussenstamm was one of the original students at the school and her grandfather, Mark was a founder of the school in 1982. Kirra's mother, Belinda is a valued MRIS Teacher's Assistant.

Recalling her favourite year at MRIS under the guidance of Yr 6 teacher, Laura Nicholls, Kirra said "Laura always showed us how to enjoy school and my favourite memory was circle time with Wendy... it was always exciting."

She said the school shaped her creativity and helped her to practise forgiveness and honesty. "I feel that I can be trusted because I learned how to use these Virtues." Kirra chose to do her work placement at MRIS because "the school is very welcoming and I feel like I'm back home."

## 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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