

Seventh Edition

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

Inspired by our 30th anniversary in 2012, 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

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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Leading the way: Josh inspires!



Inspiring others: Josh was recently named as one of Australia's top 100 future leaders.

Josh Loyd has come along way since his school days at Margaret River Independent School (formerly Nyindamurra Family School) during the 1990s. Currently studying Engineering at Queensland University of Technology, the 26 year old indigenous student was recently named as one of the GradConnection Top 100 Future Leaders, a national award program that recognises the top students coming out of the Australian universities. He was also a finalist in the Jacobs Engineering Consultant Award category which attracted more than 8,500 applications, and was a semi-finalist in the Queensland Young Achiever Awards.

"I am extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to be involved in challenging technical engineering projects and to lead diversity and inclusion initiative, nationally" he said.

Josh credits his time at MRIS as helping him to achieve a sense of direction and inspire others to be their best.

"I've found that the values-driven education that Nyindamurra provides has ingrained in me a moral and ethical compass, of sorts; in all of my post school pathways, I've found the things that I enjoy most are those activities that allow me to share in and celebrate others' diverse and exceptional knowledge and experience," Josh said.

Remembering Nyindamurra Family School

Starting his schooling at MRIS in 1994, Josh remembers taking pride in taking on the role of ringing the school-bell.

"I was renowned for following the rules to the letter. Combining this with the fact that I had just received a new, talking, digital watch - I was charged with alerting the school yard to the end of recess by ringing a bell that was attached to the old library. Suffice to say, I was good at my job much to the chagrin of the other students."

Josh is about to embark on a fulfilling engineering-career in the water sector and hopes that his work will one day lead him back to Margaret River.

Help your school remain a viable alternative with our

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.

We look forward to any support you would like to offer.