



FOLLOW THE DREAM

FREMANTLE COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER Semester 2 2019

COORDINATORS REPORT

Kaya, 2019 has been a breakout year for the Follow The Dream (FTD) program at Fremantle College. We have grown rapidly to have our largest ever group of program participants, with increased numbers at our school and at our five Outreach schools. This expansion has helped to create a strong sense of momentum which has translated into positive outcomes for our student's academic outcomes as well as their social and emotional wellbeing.

Our senior school students have been hugely successful this year setting a wonderful example for our younger students, as all five of our Year 12s successfully obtained their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). Meanwhile, a third of our program cohort this year is made up by our Year 7 students who, coming into a strong FTD program have been quick to establish rigorous study routines. Combined with our high achieving Year 8-11 students, the FTD program at Fremantle College has a strong foundation in which to build a high-achieving culture for years to come. It is a privilege to be a part of our student's educational journeys and I look forward to continuing to partner with our students, families and our school community in 2020.

Nathan Dines

YEAR 12 GRADUATES

At the beginning of Term 4 we farewelled our largest ever group of Year 12 FTD students as they graduated high school. Having lived through the turbulent times of their schools closing and starting a fresh at Fremantle College, all these students demonstrated great resilience, character and hard work to ensure they finished their schooling on a high. Congratulations to Emily Henney, Shay Oxenham, Kane Williams, Shakayla Ugle and Emily Maroney for achieving their WACE and making their family and school proud. Special congratulations go to Emily Henney who was awarded the Aboriginal Leadership Award.



TUTORING SESSIONS

The core of our work in FTD centres around our afternoon tutoring sessions each week. On Monday - Thursdays students have access to high quality tutors who are either teachers of core subjects at Fremantle College or are currently studying at University. We even have some tutors who were once FTD students themselves, giving back to the next generation of students. Each afternoon in FTD we spend a short time winding down from a busy day at school, we share some afternoon tea and discuss what we need to do for the session. By utilising student achievement data our tutors target key areas of need in our students learning and work with them to improve and reach their potential.



TUTOR PROFILE - Cassie Mattes

About Me: I'm a biomedical science graduate who is maybe a bit too passionate about dogs and Keep Cups. I'm starting medical school next year and am hoping to work in the Kimberley. I love cooking and have probably learned more math through tutoring than I did in high school.

Favourite movie: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse 3

Three random facts about me: I can do 1 pull up (just), I am the second oldest of 30 cousins and I haven't used a takeaway coffee cup in over 3 years!



LINDA BURNEY MP AND JOSH WILSON MP VISIT

Fremantle College was very happy to have the Hon Linda Burney MP (Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians) and Josh Wilson MP (Shadow Assistant Minister for the Environment) visit our school at the end of Term 3. After a tour of the school and our Aboriginal Education programs, Linda and Josh had morning tea and a Q&A with a group of Aboriginal students in years 7-12.

As a proud member of the Wiradjuri nation, Linda was very pleased to meet some of our Aboriginal students who are making the most of their opportunities and education at Fremantle College. Students enjoyed hearing about Linda's background and how she became the first Aboriginal woman to serve in the Australian House of Representatives. Students also had the chance to ask Josh and Linda questions ranging in topics from dealing with racism to climate change and constitutional recognition.



Linda and Josh were really impressed with our school and our students so it's a credit to everyone involved.

DEADLY DREAMING DAY

FTD students attended The Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre's *Deadly Dreaming Day* at Murdoch University along with hundreds of fellow Aboriginal students from across Perth. The aim of the day was to give students a taste of what Uni life is like and to see how Murdoch and Kulbardi could support them to achieve their dreams.



Having participated in four workshops with Kulbardi during the year leading up to Deadly Dreaming, our students were very keen to get to the Uni and see what it was like for themselves. They got to experience the feeling of being at Uni while attending sessions on personal branding, facial reconstruction and presentations



from a number of successful Aboriginal university graduates. While they weren't learning new skills or being inspired by the presenters, students were making the most of the inflatable games and delicious lunch on offer. It was a great experience for all and certainly helped challenge student's misconceptions around studying at Uni. We are all looking forward to seeing some of our FTD graduates attending Murdoch Uni in the future.

NAIDOC WEEK 2019 – VOICE TREATY TRUTH

This year Fremantle College celebrated NAIDOC week during Term 3 and the list of activities and experiences that the Aboriginal Education Team (AET) put together along with our proud Aboriginal students was phenomenal. We started the week on Monday with school assemblies featuring slam poetry, guest speakers, musical performances, a fashion show and a Flag ceremony. On Tuesday, students and staff participating in a large sand mural with the guidance of artist and parent, Turid Calgaret and her daughter, Tigerlily Ryan. During this activity we also had the privilege of listening to stories from Elder, Dawn Smith. On Wednesday night the Performing Arts Centre played host to the Djidi Djidi Girls Academy's (DDGA) Fashion and music show, Kwobidok Yorga. On Thursday the DDGA hosted a lunch for family and elders where students from the program presented their Slam Poetry. On Friday the girls and boys football teams participated in the NAIDOC football carnival. It was a huge week and took a lot of people to bring it together but special thanks goes to the AET for coordinating the week. It's going to be hard to top in 2020 but we cant wait!



UWA - YEAR 8 DISCOVERY DAY + YEAR 9 DJINANGINY DAY

A number of our Year 8 and 9 Follow the Dream students were lucky enough to attend the University of Western Australia's (UWA) Year 8 Discovery Day and Year 9 Djinanginy Day joining with hundreds of other students from across Perth. The programs are run by the School of Indigenous Studies (SIS) along with Aboriginal mentor students currently studying at the University. The aim of the program is to give students a taste of what Uni life is like and to see how UWA and SIS can support them throughout their studies.



Our students got to meet Aboriginal Uni students who shared their stories about the joy of studying the subjects that they are passionate about, making new friends in an adult learning environment and being able to represent the Uni at the Indigenous National Games competitions around Australia.

The year 8 students participated in three workshops that saw them involved in 'mock trials' with the Law faculty, fitness testing with the Sports Science faculty

and studying the ways in which crickets communicate with each other in the Zoology faculty. Meanwhile, the Year 9 students experienced life as a University student - attending lectures on Marketing and Chemistry. The highlight for everyone was witnessing all the explosions that the 'mad professor' let off as a part of his chemistry lecture!



Our students came away with a new perspective on what Uni could offer them and how they could succeed within the supportive and inclusive environment the School of Indigenous Studies provides.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

We are always so impressed at the level of commitment our FTD students show to their studies when they show up to tutoring after a long day at school and put in another hour working to improve their grades and increase their chances of succeeding in the workplace after school. To celebrate these students and mark the end of another great year at Fremantle College, FTD students and tutors spent the last Friday of the year in Fremantle watching a Frozen 2 on HOYT's Cinema's Xtremescreen followed by lunch at Cicerello's restaurant. It was a fun day and a wonderful way to reward our hard working students while also saying 'thank-you' to our fantastic tutors.



Year 12 graduates University visits.



Kane Williams during Kulbardi Aboriginal Leadership workshops



Year 7-10 Follow The Dream students receiving certificates



Dylan May participation in Chevron's Digital Showcase



Emily Henney with her Notre Dame University acceptance letter.



End of year reward excursion to the movies and lunch.