



# Polly Farmer Foundation 2022 Alumni Bursary Recipients



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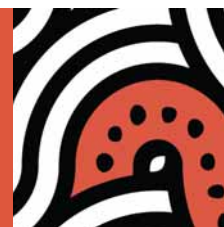


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# Polly Farmer Bursaries 2022



The Polly Farmer Foundation Bursaries are intended to assist Follow the Dream alumni, who are pursuing tertiary courses across Australia and career development. This bursary is available to students who participated in the Foundation's Follow the Dream program and registered as a PFF alumni member. The bursaries are sponsored by the Foundation's alumni partners BHP, Worley, Monadelphous, Mitsui Iron Ore Development and Rio Tinto.

## 2022 bursary recipients

Student	FTD Programs	University	Course
Isaiah McKenna	St Mary's	Curtin	Bachelor of Law
Sarayah McDonald	Geraldton	Curtin	Pre Medicine
Jayda Corunna	Mt Lawley	ECU	WAAPA
Kahlie Lockyer	Hedland	UWA	Medicine
Destany Winter	Fremantle	UWA	Bridging Course
Cheroke (Cherry) Ugle	Governor Stirling	UWA	Bridging Course
Caitlyn Hamaguchi	St Mary's College	UWA	Bio Medicine
Alexis Young	Mandurah	UWA	Bridging Course
Lilly Brown	Mt Lawley	UWA	Commerce
Talia Cook	Geraldton	Geraldton Uni Centre	Bridging Course
Talisa Stratton	Carnarvon	TAFE Tom Price	Cert IV Business
Paige Smith	Swan View	McCook College USA	Associate Degree in Arts

## 2021 bursary recipients

Student	FTD Program	University	Course
Mariah Woods	Albany	Deakin	Teaching
Shannon Miller	Governor Stirling	Marr Mooditj	Nursing
Shontae Coyne	Swan View	Curtin	Pre Med Science Course
Tigerlily Ryan	Fremantle	Murdoch	Bridging Course Ktrack
Beige Dimer	Kalgoorlie	Curtin	Master Public Health
Mervyn Wilson	Kununurra	UWA	Bridging Course
Emily Henney	Fremantle	Centrepont	Diploma of Leadership
Kaitlyn Eades	Katanning	Comm Bank	Returning to work - Mat Leave
Jasper John	Broome	UWA	Science
Leanne Dolby	St Marys	UWA	Science
Joseph Bin Omar	Broome	UWA	Master Public Health
Jasmine John	Broome	UWA	Science
Jasley Dimer	Kalgoorlie	UNE	Diploma Science
Marleigh Zada	Mt Lawley	Curtin	Arts
Taya Woods	Swan View	UWA	Science
Zyhannah Bin Jalil	Belmont	UWA	Biomedical Science



## 2022 BURSARY RECIPIENTS

### **Destany Winter – Fremantle FTD**

Destany is enrolled in the Aboriginal Orientation course at the University of Western Australia. She completed Year 12 at Fremantle College 2021.

Destany stays on campus at St Catherine's residential college and the bursary has been used on education and living costs during the year.

She was selected in the UWA team to compete in the National Indigenous Games held in Brisbane in June. She is a keen artist and contributed several pieces to the art auction that raised funds for the team.



### **Cherry Ugle – Governor Stirling FTD**

Cherry is enrolled in the Aboriginal Orientation course at the University of Western Australia.

She attended Governor Stirling SHS and intends to return to become a tutor in the program.

Cherry says FTD has shaped her schooling career and helped her get on track with study during the last few years in school. She wants to become a role model to young children, especially to those who are struggling with their work and finding it hard to get to school. The bursary has helped with education and living costs.



### Paige Smith - Swan View FTD

Paige won a softball scholarship to attend McCook College in Nebraska, USA. She has represented Australia in junior and senior softball teams with her goal set on competing in the 2028 Olympic Games.

During her gap year in 2021, Paige was a tutor at Swan View FTD whilst also attending training camps for her softball at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. She will soon return to the USA to continue with softball.



### Caitlyn Hamaguchi - St Mary's FTD

Caitlyn is enrolled in a Bachelor of Bio-medical Science at the University of Western Australia. She is majoring in Pathology and Laboratory Science.

Caitlin stays at a residential college receiving a reduced fortnightly income and the bursary will provide funds for new resources and living costs.



### Sarayah McDonald - Geraldton FTD

Sarayah is enrolled in the pre-medicine course at Curtin University and stays on campus at St Catherine's residential college.

Her goals are to study medicine and eventually return to Geraldton to work in the Aboriginal Medical Service giving back to her community and being a role model for younger students.





### **Isisia McKenna - St Mary's FTD**

Isisia is enrolled in a Bachelor of Laws at Curtin University. She graduated from St Mary's College in 2020 and enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts at UWA.

Isisia transferred to Curtin Uni this year and is a student representative in the Student Law Society and joined the Women in Business club. Her passion is social justice.

### **Alexis Young - Mandurah FTD**

Alexis graduated from John Tonkin College in 2021 and enrolled in the UWA Aboriginal Orientation course this year.

Alexis still lives in Mandurah with her family and commutes to UWA on a daily basis. She works part-time, however the bursary has helped with education and transport costs and she has been able to purchase an iPad to assist with studies.



### **Jayda Corunna - Mt Lawley FTD**

Jayda is enrolled in the Certificate IV in Aboriginal Performance at WAAPA - Edith Cowan University. She graduated from high school in 2021 and was a recipient of the Mt Lawley SHS Principal's Award for her contribution to Aboriginal culture.

Jayda performs with the WA Youth Theatre Company and Yirra Yaakin, where she recently secured a place in the Ngalaka Daa Ensemble.

She intends purchasing an iPad to assist with working from home on auditions.



### **Kahlie Lockyer - Hedland FTD**

Kahlie is currently enrolled in Post Graduate Medicine at the University of Western Australia.

She completed her Bachelor of Science in 2021 and was accepted into post graduate studies.

She is a keen artist and mother to four boys, all at school. Two of the boys are in Follow the Dream at their local school.

Kahlie is on the RAP working group at her local primary school and has also donated several pieces of art to the student club at UWA to raise funds for their Indigenous games.

When Kahlie graduates from medicine she hopes to specialise in paediatrics and give back to the Aboriginal community. She wants to inspire young Aboriginal children and be a friendly and trustworthy face in hospitals.



### **Talia Cook - Geraldton FTD**

Talia is enrolled in the Indigenous Enabling Course at Geraldton Universities Centre. She is doing this course externally through Curtin University.

Her goal is to study a Bachelor of Design, majoring in digital graphics, game and animation at Curtin University. Her passion is design - from digital, to art to fashion.

Talia works at the FTD in Geraldton SHS as a tutor. She wants to help and encourage younger students to achieve academic success and follow their dreams too.





### **Talisa Stratton - Carnarvon FTD**

Talisa received many awards during high school. These included VET student of the year, the year 12 sports award and trainee of the year.

Talisa now lives in Tom Price and is studying towards a Cert IV in Business, with the aim of completing a Diploma of Business.

Talisa works part time work as an education assistant whilst raising her three children. Her oldest daughter (pictured below) attends the PFF Learning Club in Tom Price.



### **Lilly Brown - Mt Lawley FTD**

Lilly is enrolled in a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Western Australia. She is in her first year of study having graduated year 12 in 2021. Lilly received the Len Hayward award and the Sagitte Yom-Tov highest achievement award. Due to her outstanding academic results, Lily received an early offer into her course at UWA.

The bursary has supported Lily with course fees, textbooks, general stationary, transport and cost of living including. At the start of 2022 she secured a cadetship within the banking sector and the bursary has assisted her in purchasing corporate attire to undertake her internship.



# PREVIOUS BURSARY RECIPIENTS 2021



Beige Dimer  
Kalgoorlie FTD  
Curtin University



Leanne Dolby  
St Mary's FTD  
University of WA



Tigerlily Ryan  
Fremantle FTD  
Murdoch University



Marleigh Zada  
Pt Augusta and Mt Lawley FTD  
Curtin University



Jasper John  
Broome FTD  
University of WA



Emily Henney  
Fremantle FTD  
Centrepont College



Shontae Coyne  
Swan View FTD  
Curtin University



Jasely Dimer  
Kalgoorlie FTD  
University of New England

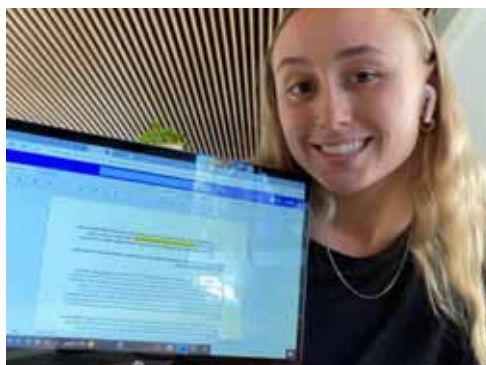


Taya Woods  
Swan View FTD  
University of WA





## PREVIOUS BURSARY RECIPIENTS 2021



Jasmine John  
Broome FTD  
Curtin University



Mervyn Wilson  
Kununurra FTD  
University of WA



Kaitlyn Eades  
Katanning FTD  
Commonwealth Bank



Zyhannah Bin Jalil  
Belmont FTD  
University of WA



Joseph Bin Omar  
Broome FTD  
University of WA



Mariah Woods  
Albany FTD  
Deakin University

## Alumni quotes

“Thank you, Polly Farmer Foundation, I can’t thank you enough with supporting and assisting me with my goals of completing a postgraduate degree”.

**Joey, Broome**

“With the bursary funds I was able to purchase a laptop which also made me feel more included and less stressed. It allowed me to do my assignments and keep up with work”.

**Shontae, Swan View**

“I used all the funds during the year, it helped take the stress out of living away from home and independently. I was able to participate in sport and social activities on campus and at the residential college with fellow students”.

**Mervyn, Kununurra**

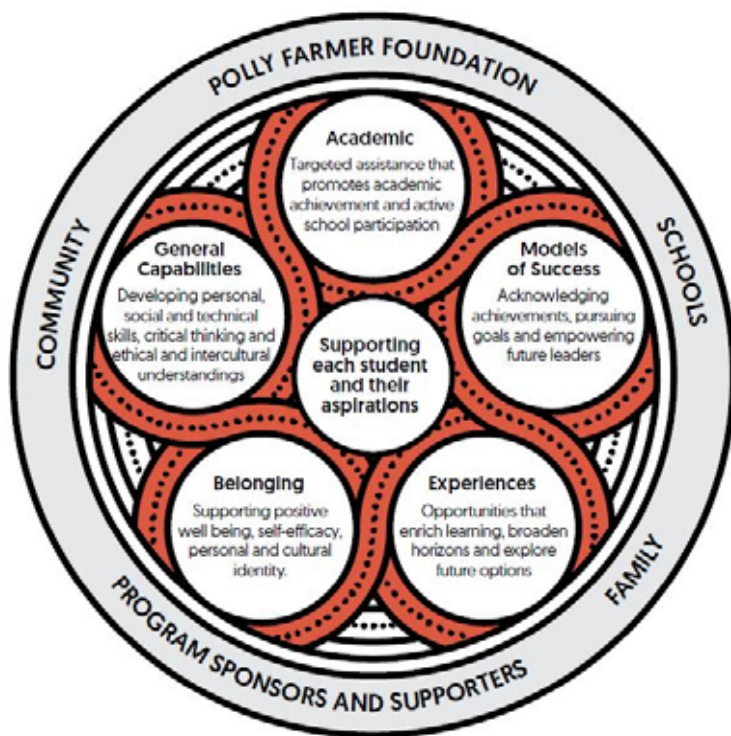
“I would like to say a big thank you to those who decided to support me and to those who donated to the Polly Farmer Foundation in order for me to receive this bursary”.

**Jasmine, Broome**



# PFF suite of Programs

Our programs and experiences help guide and shape study choices, post-school pathways and aspirations for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, while also promoting leadership, developing confidence and celebrating traditional culture.



## FOLLOW THE DREAM

Aspirant Secondary Program  
Years 7-12

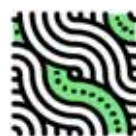
Follow the Dream (FTD) is an educational enrichment program that provides male and female Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at secondary school access to specialist after school tutor support, exam preparation, personalised learning plans, career counselling, and mentoring. Students also have access to a wide range of enriching extra-curricular opportunities, including work place visits, educational and cultural camps, and university tours.



## LEARNING CLUBS

Primary Enrichment Program Years  
1-6

After school Learning Clubs support primary aged Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander boys and girls by encouraging enthusiasm for learning, enhancing the school's literacy and numeracy outcomes, recognising positive school attendance, celebrating Indigenous culture, and promoting family involvement. Learning Clubs provide a strong foundation for students as they transition to secondary school and into a Follow the Dream



## STEM CENTRES

Primary Enrichment Program Years  
4-6

STEM Centres enhance and enrich learning outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander boys and girls in primary school. Students engage in a rich variety of STEM activities, learn about Indigenous perspectives in STEM, go on excursions and camps, and learn from visiting experts. These after school academic and extra-curricular opportunities spark students' love of learning, expand academic potential, and broaden career



## ALUMNI NETWORK

Connecting former Follow the  
Dream students

The Alumni Network provides career opportunities, networking events, mentoring, and professional connections for the thousands of former Follow The Dream students who are now achieving success in their chosen career pathways.

# Key Statistics

**83%** Average school attendance all FTD students

**60%** Follow the Dream students more likely to complete year 12

**75%** FTD students achieved WACE compared to 46% Indigenous year 12 students\*

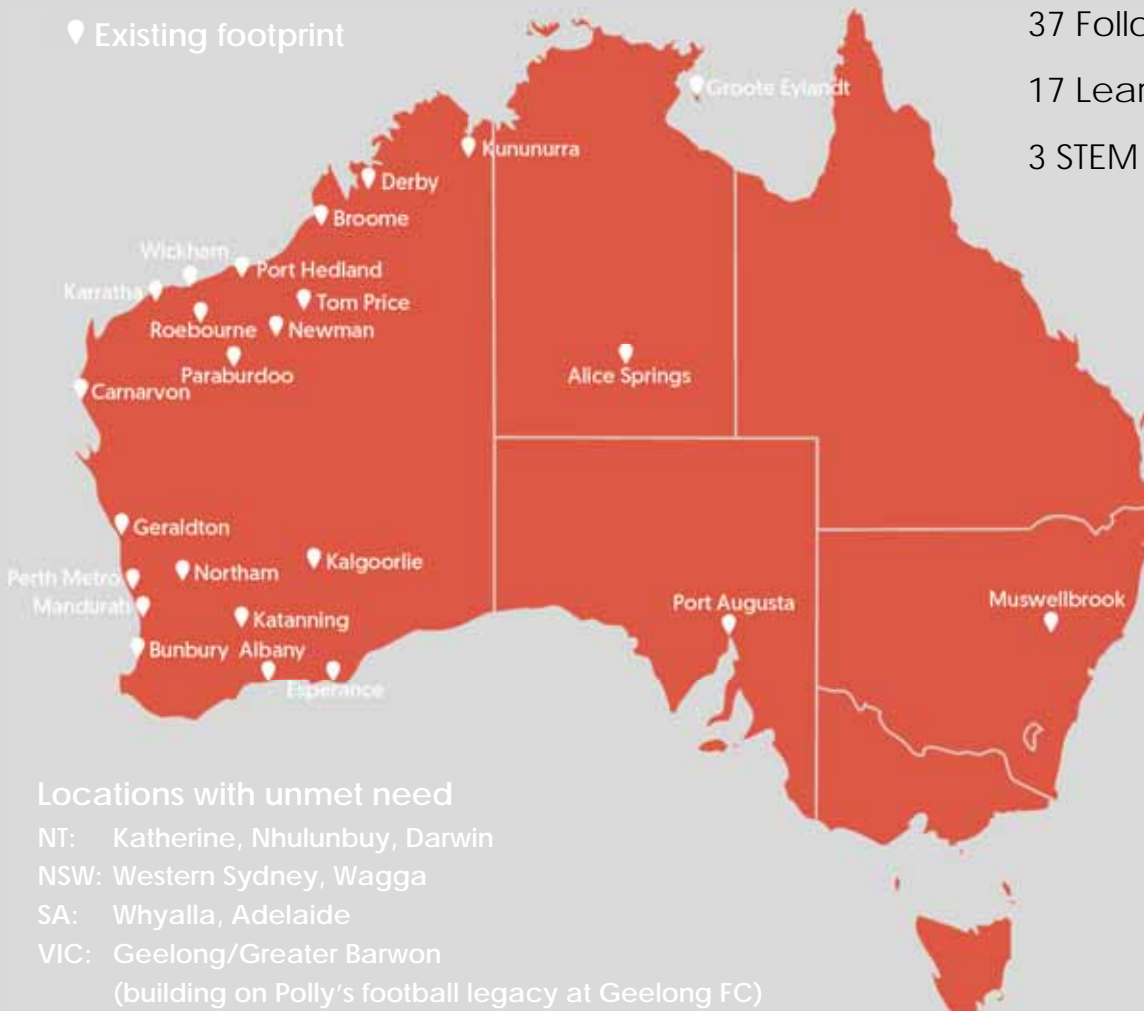
**45%** FTD graduates enrolled into tertiary education

**25%** FTD students enter into direct employment

**200** Hours of tutoring, mentoring and camps per student every year (approx.)

## 57 programs across Australia

Existing footprint



37 Follow The Dream sites

17 Learning Clubs

3 STEM Centres

### Locations with unmet need

NT: Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Darwin

NSW: Western Sydney, Wagga

SA: Whyalla, Adelaide

VIC: Geelong/Greater Barwon  
(building on Polly's football legacy at Geelong FC)



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