

Burdiya mob dream big

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Noongar students from Narrogin Senior High School got an exclusive behind the scenes look at some of Perth's best Aboriginal and arts organisations.

The trip was organised by Community Arts Network and YMCA Swim for Life in Narrogin to celebrate the fact that the music clip they made, Djarliny (Listen), was screened in Perth as part of Propel Arts Kickstart Youth Festival launch.

Friends, family and supporters relaxed in Northbridge's Piazza area to watch the films broadcast on the giant open air screen. It was the perfect climax to an action packed and inspiring day.

The students started off at Kudjitj Catering where they sampled bush tucker and learnt about opportunities in the hospitality industry.

The next stop was the WA Academy of Performing Arts.

WAAPA took the kids backstage, opening up their staging and costume department and sharing with them the huge range of career opportunities available in the industry.

The Aboriginal Performance course students invited them to a play reading and rounded off the visit with theatre games. The students loved it so much they didn't want to leave! Yirra

Yaakin Theatre Company opened up its home in the Subiaco Arts Centre. Artistic Director Kyle Morrison gave a passionate, inspiring talk, encouraging the group of talented young singers and dancers to consider a career in the arts.

If that wasn't enough for them, they were then whisked off to 100.9fm Noongar Radio. Shakyra Little and Kelly Ugle were interviewed live on the Drive show by host Jeff Michael while the rest of the gang got a chance to pre-record messages and shout-outs and were rapt to be able to listen to these in the bus on the way home.

The last destination for the day was the main event – the Kickstart Youth festival launch in the Northbridge Piazza. The event was organised by Propel Arts as a part of National Youth Week.

School principal, Steve Quartermaine made the trip from Narrogin to Northbridge to support the students at the screening of their films. He said it was a proud moment for all involved. Narrogin Senior High School worked in partnership with CAN to deliver a six month program of music, dance, language and cultural studies specifically for Aboriginal students.

The project gave the students the skills to be able to produce the Djarliny song and music clip. CAN project manager and film director Poppy van Oorde-Grainger also created a film, documenting the journey of the community through the project. The song and video clip have been played on Triple J, Channel 10 news, Revelation Film festival and will soon be broadcast on NITV. The Narrogin Students proved they really are the Burdiya Mob! (Boss Mob).



■ Narrogin Group shot at the Launch



■ Stephanie Yarran at Noongar Radio



■ Narrogin Group shot @ Yirra Yaakin

