



Winton 'trailblazer' features in Sky News documentary

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YEAR 12 STUDENT at St Joseph's Nudgee College, and Winton's own, Injarra Harbour, will join some of Australia's brightest Indigenous trailblazers in an upcoming Sky News Australia documentary, Changing Our Nation.

The one-hour television special follows a group of students enrolled in the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF) scholarship program, an initiative dedicated to giving Indigenous students the opportunity to pursue education at leading national boarding schools and universities.

"AIEF works to support Indigenous families and communities across the country who, recognising the transformative power of education, want the opportunity and choice to provide a better future for their children," AIEF Executive Director, Andrew Penfold, said.



"Together, we are nurturing the next generation of young Indigenous leaders."

From the Outback to the big cities, AIEF students learnt about the power of education and the ripple effect it has on lives and communities across the nation, all while Fox Sports presenter, Yvonne Sampson, documented their travels.

"It was a privilege to meet these amazing young people," Ms Sampson said. "Their determination and commitment is so inspiring. I can't wait for our viewers to hear their stories and see for themselves why the work being done by AIEF is so important."

Injarra has been boarding at St Joseph's Nudgee College in Brisbane since Year 7 and was elected college captain for 2020. He hopes to study medicine at university to become a GP or healthcare worker.



Winton's Injarra Harbour will feature in Sky News Australia documentary, Changing Our Nation, as one of Australia's brightest Indigenous trailblazers.

He said participating in the documentary taught him the importance of reaching for his life goals, no matter his heritage or background.

"Initially it was overwhelming, but it was an enriching experience being able to discuss my goals and dreams," he said. "I viewed the documentary as an opportunity to exemplify how education can be used to make positive changes to individuals, families and communities.

"I learnt a lot, in particular, how to address and present information to a wider audience. Hopefully the documentary shows that regardless of location, environment and background, if you have the right opportunity and a supportive network, you can achieve your aspirations.

"We need to look at the current circumstance of our people. Our elders and leaders are dying much too young, creating a void of leadership within the community.

"The majority of these deaths stem from chronic conditions, and with early intervention, the rate can be reduced.

"We need to tell the positive stories of our people and encourage the next generations to go after their goals."

Changing Our Nation will premiere on Foxtel and Sky News on WIN on Thursday, December 10 at 6pm AEST.