

# MEET THE ABORIGINAL EDUCATION TEAM



## **Aboriginal Secondary Education & Transition Officer (ASETO)**

Niina marni! My name is Makayla and I grew up living and working on both Kurna and Ngarrindjeri Country. I am a proud Aboriginal woman; still on my journey to finding my mob. I feel very grateful to be continuing my role at Brighton as the ASETO and to work with students across all of our year levels. My role is all about supporting students with their attendance, engagement, cultural connection as well as supporting with career pathway planning and more. I absolutely love this role and a highlight for me is being able to develop genuine connections with so many different students, families and people within our community.

## **Aboriginal Education Teacher - Year 7 and 12 Students**

Niina Marni, I'm Tayah! I was born on Kurna land and spent time between both Kurna and Narungga Country throughout my childhood. I have worked as a teacher on both Kurna and Narungga Country, where these wonderful experiences have driven my passion for education, reconciliation and exploring diverse perspectives.

In 2023 I worked as the Senior School AET, however this year sees a shift in the year levels as I will be working with the Year 7's and Year 12's. I am excited to forge strong relationships with our new Year 7s and their families, and am equally excited to continue assisting the Year 12's as they embark on their final year of high school and look towards their future!

## **Aboriginal Education Teacher - Year 8 and 9 Students**

Niina marni, my name is Georgie Schapel, and Kurna Country has always been my home. My family and I share a deep appreciation for nature, often embarking on camping adventures right here on Kurna land. We also cherish our visits to Mossman Gorge on Kuku Yalanji country, and love swimming in the Tea Tree Lake on Bundjalung land near Byron Bay.

I seek the perspectives of others, consult research, and have a strong desire to continually learn and evolve. I am a passionate inclusive educator who advocates for students I work with and have experience supporting students through literacy and numeracy interventions at BSS. I'm excited to be able to work with Aboriginal learners in year 8 & 9 and will do whatever it takes to support each young person to thrive.

## **Aboriginal Education Teacher - Year 10 and 11 Students**

Hi everyone, my name is Jordon Moffat. I was born and grew up on Kurna Country. I have been teaching for 5 years, mostly on Barngarla Country in Whyalla, before moving to Brighton Secondary School in 2023. This year I will be supporting Year 10 and 11 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. I am passionate about helping young people build strong relationships which will connect them with communities both inside and outside of their schooling. I look forward to meeting you all and working together in 2024.

