

# Introducing New Faces at Jarjum

## Mark Heiss

Board Member



Mark is Wirajudri man, born and raised on Gadigal land in Sydney. Mark has 17 years' experience working in education as a teacher, Year Coordinator, Curriculum Coordinator and Director of Teaching and Learning. He holds an undergraduate degree in Human Movement and Health Education and a Master's in Educational Leadership. Mark is passionate about education and physical activity for young people.

Mark continues to be an active member of his community, notably through Surf Life Saving, Touch Football and Athletics. He strives to support GO students in continuing to raise their aspirations in school and life. Mark is Chair of the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy and is also a director of the Aurora Education Foundation.

## Sam Galley



Hi, my name is Sam and I love being the Jarjum College bus driver. I started driving the bus for the school in 2021 and have resumed that role in 2022. I value transporting the children to and from school and getting to know each family along the way. Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my family, exercising and listening to music.

## Sash Miskovski



Sash was born in Macedonia where he studied engineering and worked as a machine setter and shift supervisor. In 1987 he migrated to Australia with his young family. Since then he has worked in a variety of jobs including shipping container repairs and surveyor, warehouse and production coordinator and has had his own businesses. For the past fifteen years he has operated a painting and handyman service. Sash has been with us at Jarjum College for 6 years.

## Dana Cubrilo



Hi, my name is Dana Cubrilo. I joined Jarjum College in 2022 as a casual Teachers Assistant. I was drawn to Jarjum after living and working in Alice Springs where I discovered my passion for education and supporting First Nations children. I spent 6 months working in Alice as a support officer at a primary school where I facilitated the ReadWriteInc and MiniLit program. I am committed to supporting students and I enjoy watching them succeed and grow inside and outside the classroom. I look forward to building connections with my students, their families and the local community.

## Emily Rose



Hi, my name is Emily Rose and I am a casual bus driver for Jarjum College. I enjoy working at Jarjum as all the staff and students are very friendly and kind. I am currently a student at UNSW completing a Bachelor of Environmental Management, Majoring in Ecology. I love learning about nature and the interconnectedness of all life and ecosystems. I like being out in nature and I love gardening so I'm always collecting plants. I also love being creative, I have my Diploma in Graphic Design and have been a street artist for the past 7 years, where I mainly paint colourful graffiti murals. I look forward to continuing working at Jarjum and getting to know the Jarjum community.

## Talia Silberstein



Talia joins Jarjum with over 25 years experience as a Speech Pathologist across a range of specialty areas. She has spent the last 15 years in Education working with students to realise their potential using evidence-based practices for literacy and learning. A Masters in Public Health underpins her belief in early intervention and working with families and schools to foster oral language development at home and in the classroom. At Jarjum, Talia will be working with individual students and small groups and she will also provide support within the classroom. Talia is looking forward to both teaching and learning while at Jarjum.

## Fr Nico Lariosa SJ



I was missioned as a chaplain here at Redfern Jarjum College in 2019. On my first day, I was nervous but I was encouraged by Fr Brian McCoy, the former provincial of the Jesuits, who has walked and worked with indigenous people in the desert over a period spanning three decades.

He said that indigenous Australians are more interested in building authentic relationships rather than receiving “services”. They will only warm to you if they know you are a person of your word. I have done that: I turn up every Tuesday, rain or shine.

I have learnt that the kids at Jarjum, like any other kids, love stories and I enjoy telling them stories from the bible to which they can relate. St Augustine suggested centuries ago “to delight, to instruct, and to persuade” and that is what I strive to do.

## Etheon Parkes



Etheon is a Clinical Social Worker with 24 years’ experience working with First Nations young people and families across NSW and in four countries. Etheon holds a Masters of Indigenous Studies and Master of Clinical Social Work, Counselling from UNSW.

Etheon has been attending the College for almost 4 years. His clinical work is guided and driven by the young people. Etheon is brokered to Jarjum College, by Centre 360, a free Youth and Family counselling service at St Francis Social Services, Paddington. Etheon’s key focus at the College, is to work and support the immediate medium term needs and interests of the young people with self-determination central to all therapeutic aspects of his work. Etheon’s key practice influences are core Social Work advocacy and clinical practice methods, narrative therapy, Social Work First Nations informed practice, Social Work informed systemic family therapy, strengths based, interpersonal psychotherapy, and First Nations trauma informed and wellbeing practice standards. Etheon’s work with the young people continues to adapt and change to the needs of the young people at the College year by year.

## Pania Brown



Hi, my name is Pania Brown. I am a proud Maori woman who has a strong whakapapa (genealogy) connection with the Northern tribes of Aotearoa, New Zealand. I previously worked at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence for 5 years as an after-school program educator, and an IDX and TATU Program Facilitator. I also worked as a Youth & Community Worker in the Redfern, Waterloo and Maroubra areas.

My role as a Teacher Assistant at Jarjum is a very exciting, challenging and incredibly rewarding. I enjoy working with students to assist with different ways of learning and adapt creative thinking styles to help them reach their potential in a fun and positive environment. I especially enjoy Culture Day as I learn with the students about their First Nations culture, and I have opportunities to share my heritage with them.

## Chloe Wighton

Board Member



Chloe is a Wiradjuri (Galari) woman from Gilgandra, New South Wales. She is currently the Director of First Nations Cultural Engagement at Lendlease. Chloe has worked across Indigenous Strategy in higher education, media and for the national campaign calling for constitutional reform. Her heritage consultancy, Bila Group provides expert advice underpinned by Indigenous Knowledges. She also works alongside her family in running Chemrose, supplying the first Indigenous GECA approved cleaning range.

Chloe is a Director on the board of the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy and Redfern Jarjum College. She is passionate about the continuation of Wiradjuri culture, particularly the preservation of cultural materials and knowledge. She studied a Bachelor of Arts (Archaeology) and a Masters in Museum & Heritage Studies. Chloe has been recognised for her strong advocacy in the community being awarded the Sister Alison Bush Medal University of Sydney’s Alumni. Chloe is currently participating in the 2022 Indigenous Marathon Project and recently completed the New York Marathon.

## Ty-ann Daley



Hi, my Name is Ty-ann Daley. I am a proud Wiradjuri woman from Wellington NSW. I love beauty, reading and spending time with my family. I have been working as a casual Teacher Assistant at Redfern Jarjum College, predominantly in the

Junior Class, and I enjoy working with all of the kids at the school. I love learning new things from Jarjum and the kids. My daughter is a Year 3 student at Jarjum in the Middle Class.