

KAYLEE (STELLISHA) WOODLEY

Statement by Member for Geraldton

MS L. DALTON (Geraldton) [12.51 pm]: Kaylee (Stellisha) Woodley is a young Wajarri Yamatji Nyulu woman from Geraldton who was awarded the Aboriginal Student of the Year Award in 2023 after completing a certificate III in hairdressing at Central Regional TAFE with support from her wonderful employer, Teresa Italiano of Cut Loose Hair Design. Kaylee has just returned from St Tropez, France, where she was one of three Australian representatives chosen to participate in Intercoiffure's Foundation Guillaume international hairdressing showcase. It was fantastic to see the Geraldton community get behind Kaylee, with many generous donations given to help fund her travel. By participating in this international event, Kaylee has discovered a love of travel and cultural exchange, learnt of new career prospects and, through a shared love of hair design, learnt how to use hair as a new mode of communication to breach language differences. Being the vibrant ambassador that she is, Kaylee has volunteered her time to speak with other young Aboriginal TAFE students. Kaylee is leading by example to demonstrate how a consistent work and study ethic can help us all achieve our goals and dreams. With this much success already at the age of 23 years, I believe Kaylee will go on to excel in her chosen field and continue to be an inspirational role model for young women in Geraldton.