**MAKAYLA & RIEKITA TRANSCRIPT – ARMADALE ART STORIES**

**MAKAYLA:** Hi, I'm Makayla. I'm 16 years old and I go to Kelmscott High School.

**RIEKITA:** Hello, I'm Riekita and I'm 16 and I go to Kelmscott Senior High School. Stuck together all the way through high school? No, we were in kindergarten. We were like… little ones. Really small.

**MAKAYLA**: Riekita is like the opposite of someone that's embarrassed. She has no shyness and she doesn't care who's around, she would tell you what she has on her brain. That's what Kita is like.

**RIEKITA:** Yeah, I have six siblings.

**MAKAYLA:** Same for me. I have a big family, but they're mostly all boys. Like the boys took over the family, so I'm like one girl in a few, but my family's pretty loud.

**LUISA:** And you said to me last time that you had a little brother with autism...?

**MAKAYLA:** Autism. He repeats himself a lot. So, you'll get used to headaches, but he's a good one, he likes being on his own and he's good to talk to because me and him are really close, more than the oldest. And yeah, we get along alot and we are just good friends. For my mum, it's probably a bigger responsibility than for me, but for me it's just having like an autistic best friend. But sometimes I want to kill him, so.

**RIEKITA:** Nah, I don't go nowhere. I just stay at home. I'll just stay to myself all the time. When I'm with friends and close with them, but when I meet new people, I'm like the shyest person going. I just open up. My dad's Nyungar and mum's just white.

**MAKAYLA:** I get [my Aboriginality] from my dad's side, but my dad's not in my life, so I'm not familiar with all of it. My mum tells me little bits and pieces, but I just know. Yeah.

**RIEKITA:** Yeah, I'm starting to get into everything now. I do Aboriginal dot painting. I sold some already but then I just stopped because school came on and I just had no time.

**MAKAYLA:** She has a whole sketchbook, and it is amazing. There's a lot of stores like that now. A lot of people opening up their own businesses. Mm-Hmm.

**RIEKITA:** I just draw roses and butterflies, just anything. And then I'm drawing lions now, for my mum. Yeah, because she's a Leo...

I want to travel the world.

**MAKAYLA:** I don't want kids just so that I can travel. I've got a set point that I don't want kids when I'm older. Because I watched my aunty give birth to my younger cousin and it terrified me. Everyone tells me you're going to change your mind, but I'm certain I believe in myself that I don't want kids. I just want to travel.

**RIEKITA:** I want to go to New York. I just like the lights. It's bright and pretty.

**MAKAYLA:** I really want to go to Italy. So, I could go and try so many different pastas, that's something I want to do. I like relaxing. It's a big thing for me. I just love chilling in my bed with a face mask on or having my TV playing some music and just relaxing by myself. I love it. Perfect day for me.

I would say the responsibilities you have to take on being older. Like you have things to do, places to be, promises to keep to people, and you have to do a lot of things. If I could go back to primary school, I would. I'll do it all, a hundred percent. Yeah. The perfect day would be the days that I don't have to come to school.

I was brought up tough because my brothers would always try and have fights with me and because they were boys, they just wanted to do their thing, and because I was a girl, I wanted to do like anything; like because they're all boys, they were leaving me out. I don't have a sibling, like a girl sibling, to share interests that I like with. Like I enjoy what my brothers like, but they don't enjoy what I like, because they're boys, and my mum is a tomboy as well, so I have to like makeup and doing my hair and I get to love it all for myself. Doing hair and stuff like that; I create makeup looks. The girls from school and stuff, they all send you little love hearts to show that they like a story and stuff. So, all of us girls will support each other now.