

Port Augusta Clontarf Academy

Clontarf Newsletter

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ABOUT THE ACADEMY

The Port Augusta Clontarf Academy was founded in 2019 and operates out of Port Augusta Secondary School. It caters for students in Years 7 to 12 and currently has 120 boys engaged in the programme.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and by doing so equips them to participate meaningfully in society.

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Message from the Director

Welcome to 2023, we look forward to the year ahead as we attempt to make school as attractive as possible and pick up where we left off at the end of last year.

It has been great to see almost all of the Aboriginal boys enrolled at PASS front up to school in the first few weeks.

Our initial focus has been on reconnecting with existing academy members and attracting new boys to Clontarf through information and induction sessions.

FUN FACT - our Year 12 academy members were our first group of Year 8s when we started in 2019!

Included in this newsletter are photos and wording attached to our Year 10/11 Big Day Out, our Year 12 Leadership Camp, our Year 7 Induction, visits from our Regional Manager and Employment Officer, and staff movements across SA. We were also fortunate to have Clontarf Alumni, Tyrese Fielding join us for our Good Bunch Lunch in Week 4, and share his story since being in Year 10 in 2019 to working in the mining Industry as an Apprentice Fitter & Turner now.

We'd like to say congratulations to Graeme Twaddle for winning the other Regional Manager position for SA. Graeme (affectionately know as GTA by the academy members) was previously the Academy Director at the Whyalla Academy.

Well done to Harrison Haynes who is the new Academy Director at the Whyalla Academy, after helping start our academy back in early 2019, including four years of service to our programme and school.

Corey McKenzie joined the Port Augusta team as our newest Operations Officer and will be working closely with our Year 7/8 academy members. We look forward to Corey bringing his skills, experience and community connections and helping elevate our programme into the future.

Welcome to Brian Leys, who recently commenced with Clontarf as our other Employment Officer for SA. Also Dan Toner as the Development Officer for SA to assist with the recent growth in our state.

New academies include Christies Beach and Murray Bridge, with Ceduna to start in Term 2. Welcome to Dustin Hunter, Ben Fennell and Lachlan Campbell who have been tasked with opening programmes up at those respective schools.

Later this term, we look forward to our Year 8/9 Camp, our Year 7 Induction Camp, and a Health Checks Expo with Sonic Health.

Like always, those activities will include strategies to improve attendance at school, increasing the number of 'good blokes' in our community and focussing on our Education, Employment, Leadership, Sport and Well-Being Pillars, linking in Partners where possible.

Finally, we encourage all connected to our programme to pop in at any stage throughout the year, particularly our key events.

Cheers,

Kriston Thompson



Year 10/11 Big Day Out

After changing into our attire, our day started with a Kahoot to break the ice and confirm if our academy members knew what was planned for the day.

Fortunately, we had three brave enough to read out our Clontarf Mission Statement in front of their peers. Well done to Eli Allen-Hammer and Christian Khan, plus Tyson who knows it off by heart. Ricky Taylor, Darius Colson and Eli Allen-Hammer came out on top after answering the questions the fastest, edging out Christian Khan, Jared Reid and Lennard Ware. Other questions in the quiz were related to school and Clontarf expectations around attendance, schoolwork, involvement in our activities and being a 'good bloke'. Everyone appeared to be on the same page, so that's a good start to 2023.

The next part of our day involved a work site visit at Woolworths and we were lucky enough to have the Store Manager (Mel) show us around the fruit & veg, meat & poultry, deli, cold room, online order and bakery departments. We were also treated to some fresh fruit (watermelon and rockmelon) and the students got to make their own donut,

using the chocolate, caramel and strawberry mixture and topped with sprinkles.

Jared Reid performed a thank you on behalf of our group and we left the store knowing more about Woolworths.

The rest of the day was enjoyed at the Ryan Mitchell Swim Centre, where our academy members participated in a 50m swim race and bombing competition. Well done to Elijah Partridge and Isiah Khan for completing the swim and De'Ron Brady who had the biggest bomber splash.

Although, most of the fun was had amongst the new water park and it became a basketball court and the ball would fall out of the constantly filled tipping bucket. To the point where our fellas were asked to step aside so some toddlers could enjoy it. So, off they went to the big kid's pool for some marks up.

Before leaving, Eli Allen-Hammer thanked Peter from the local pool for looking after us that day and all of our academy members shook his hand on our way out. We look forward to another visit there again soon.



Year 12 Leadership Camp

The week starting 27th of February, the Year 12 academy members travelled to Adelaide and Port Elliot for their Leadership Camp.

The boys along with other SA Academies participated in a Super Training with partners, also getting involved and adding to the Clontarf Spirit. Johnathon Willis spoke to the wider group on his journey with Clontarf, which started as a Year 8. Benny Waye-Hill had the honour of presenting a Clontarf Spirit Award to a partner that encapsulated the Clontarf spirit in the Super Training. A shared breakfast was had by all and was donated and prepared by Bunnings.

A visit to the Adelaide Football Club followed and the boys and staff were kindly welcomed by Jeremy Johncock, Adelaide Football Club's First Nations Program Manager. The boys had a leadership session and started work on their Pledge to finish Year 12.

The boys played a game of football against Murray Bridge High School; the game was played with high spirit. Benny Waye-Hill was awarded the Clontarf Spirit Award for the way he demonstrated how to play the Clontarf way.

The boys had the opportunity to do some paintball at Deep Creek, with staff vs

students. The students prevailed in both challenges. The Port Augusta boys won a music quiz and the prize was each having a shot at a staff member of their choosing and they kindly chose their Academy Director. Kriston embraced the challenge and took it like a champ.

The boys then did some surfing at Middleton Beach, the waves were rolling in and the boys and staff had a ripping time. It was then back to the accommodation to get ready for dinner, but first the boys got together and completed their Pledge.

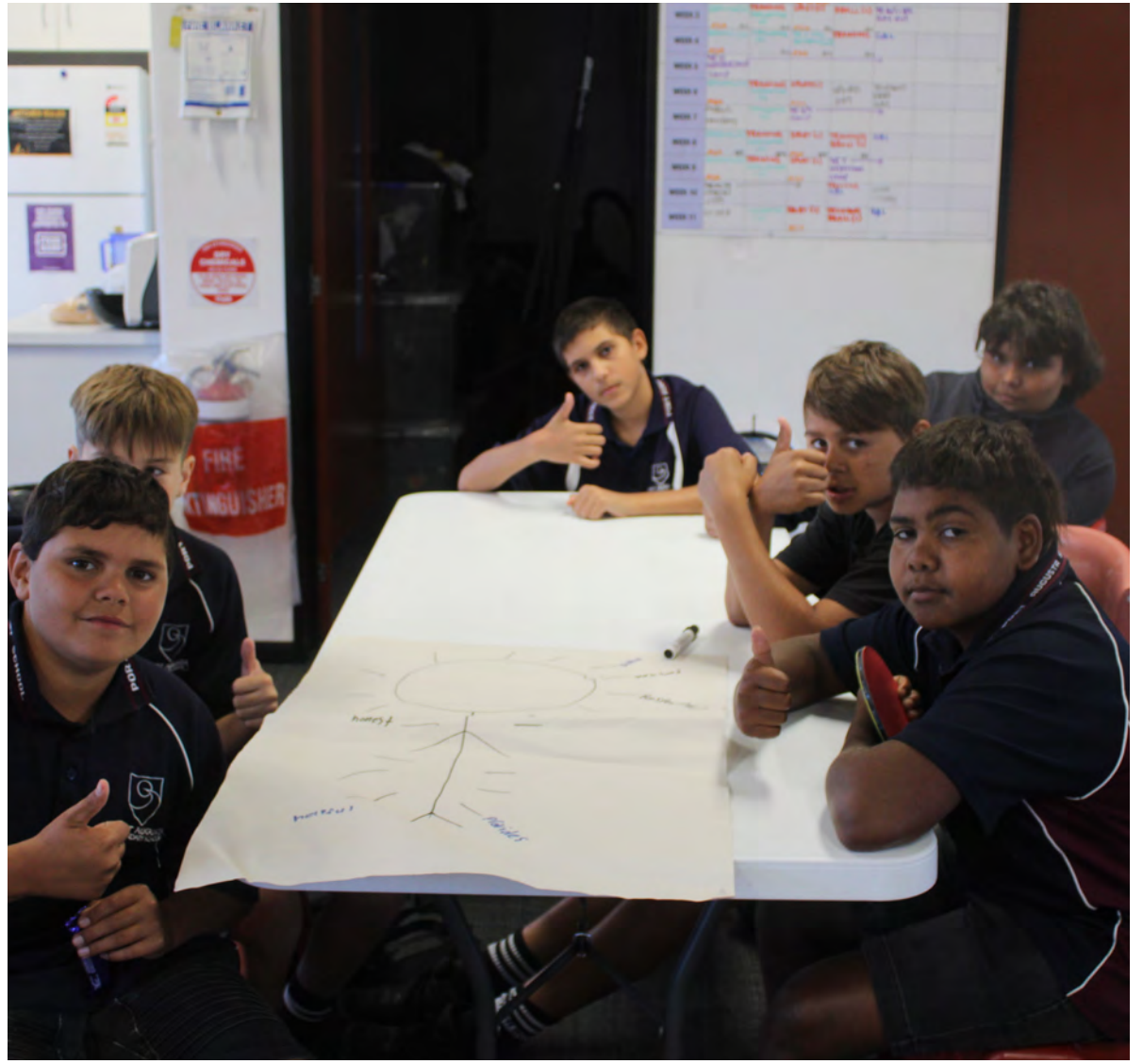
Dinner was at the McCracken Country Club and the boys enjoyed a nice meal and a photo opportunity.

After a big five days, it was back on the road to Port Augusta. The boys really enjoyed the camp, the staff were in agreement - it was an awesome week and definitely one to remember.

When asked about his first Clontarf Camp, Latrelle Coulthard had the following to say. "*Clontarf is a great example of good behaviour gets you good rewards. This camp I went on was amazing and I enjoyed meeting the new Clontarf academy members and playing football with them.*"







Year 7 Induction for Clontarf

Bringing our Year 7 boys into the Clontarf family starts with an Information session, which we held in Week 2. If they're interested, they receive a registration form to take home and sign, along with gaining parent/caregiver permission. Following that, we held an Induction session in Week 4, where we unpacked what it means to be a part of the programme/Foundation. Once Inducted, they become official academy members and they're invited to their first morning training.

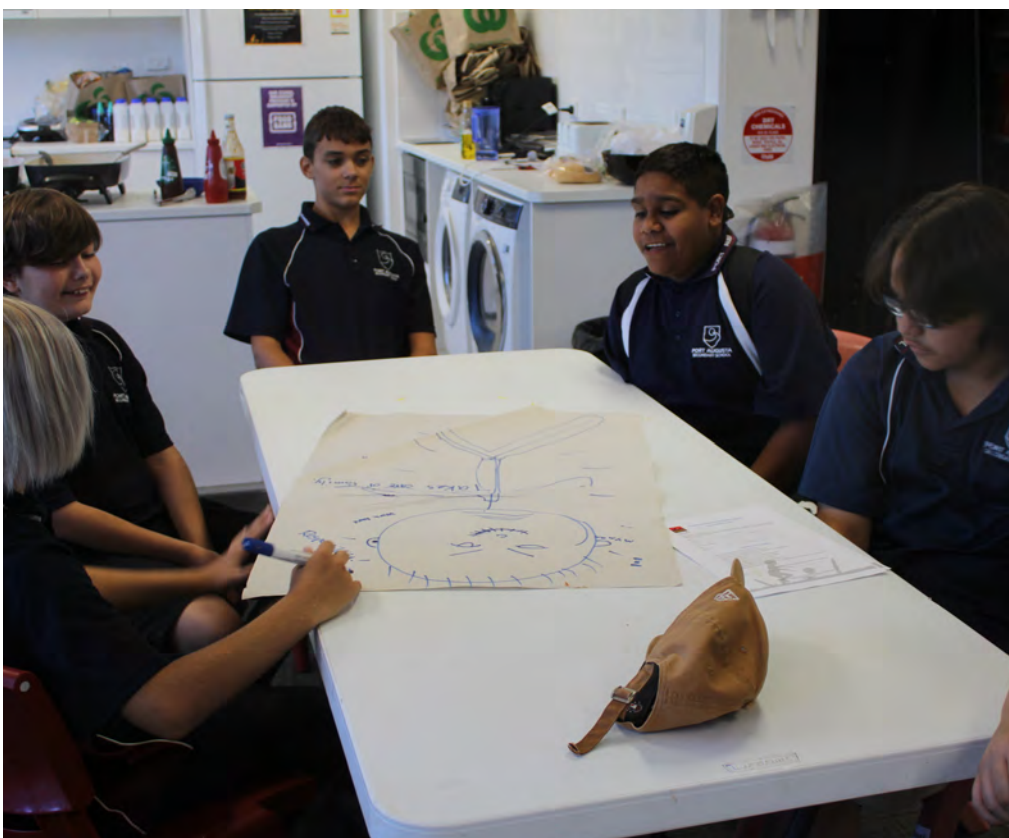
Well done to Bradley Northeast-Coulthard who had the courage to read out the Clontarf Mission Statement in front of his Year 7 peers at our Information session.

Bradley and fellow Year 7 student, Trey'Von Thompson went against usual protocols and attended their first morning training and will be the first to do so as Year 7s in 2023.

After being Inducted on Wednesday in Week 4, Armani Smith, Bradley Northeast-Coulthard, Kaden Williams, Tallis Langdon and Xaviah Reid attended their first morning training as inducted academy members. They are pictured below with SA Regional Manager (Ian Taylor) and Operations Officer (Corey McKenzie).

All Year 7s who attend their first morning training this term will receive a Powerade from the 'good bloke' fridge.

In Week 9, all Year 7s will have the opportunity to attend their first overnight Induction Camp. At this stage, we have 15 signed up with our programme and look forward to engaging the other 14 enrolled at our school.



New Operations Officer

Corey comes to our Academy with an abundance of work with and for the community. Most recently working with PA City Council in the Substance Misuse Services section and Parks & Gardens section, totalling over 17 years, where he started in 2006.

Outside of his employment, Corey has coached both junior and senior footy in Port Augusta and continues in roles supporting North Adelaide in the SANFL.

We look forward Corey complementing our team and helping us achieve real outcomes for Aboriginal boys in our programme in the future.



Employment Officer and Regional Manager Visit

During Week 3, Eddie Hocking (SA Employment Officer) visited our academy and worked with our senior academy members on items on their Work Ready Checklist. Lamon Pham-Macumba had his resume updated, Johnathon Willis and Isaiah Lovegrove completed their Employment Plans and we also put on a Senior's Hot Breakfast for students undertaking the Cert II in Resources and Infrastructure.

Latrell Coulthard, Jonathon Willis, Riley Edmonds-Orr, Orlando Hull and Isaiah Lovegrove are pictured below with Eddie in their high-vis clothing.

During Week 4, Ian Taylor (SA Regional Manager) visited our academy and assisted with our morning training and hot breakfast. Some direction about updating our academy room was provided as well, so expect to see some changes next time you pop in :-)

We look forward to another visit from them both in Week 9!



Upcoming Events

Week 6

- PASS Sports Day (Thur)
- Student Free Day (Fri)

Week 7

- Public Holiday (Mon)
- Year 8/9 Camp (Wed-Fri)

Week 8

- Morning Training (Thur)

Week 9

- Employment Officer Visit (Tue-Thur)
- Year 7 Induction Camp (Thur/Fri)

Week 10

- Health Checks Expo (Mon-Wed)
- Morning Training (Thur)
- Good Friday

Week 11

- Easter Monday
- Morning Training (Thur)

Week 1, Term 2

- Morning Training (Thur)

Week 2, Term 2

- Augusta Park PS Sports Day (Fri)

Week 3, Term 2

- TBC

Week 4, Term 2

- National PD in Sydney

Week 5, Term 2

- National PD in Sydney

Staff Farewell

In the blink of any eye, our Academy loses five years of knowledge and experience with Harrison Haynes (4 years) and Kyle Stuart (1 year) moving on to new roles elsewhere.

Harrison started in Term 2, 2019 and was recently successful with his application for the Academy Director vacancy at the Whyalla Academy. He leaves having made a huge impact on day to day operations, as well as playing a key role in our camps, carnivals, awards nights, our inaugural local employment forum in 2021 and much more.

Kyle started in Term 1, 2021 and was attracted to the mining industry before returning to school in late January this year.

We put on a morning and afternoon tea on their last day with us and it was nice to see the academy room full with boys who shook their mentors hands and thanked them for their support over the year(s).

We wish them all the best in their new jobs and will miss having them at our academy.



Photos from Weeks 1-5

