

Port Augusta Clontarf Academy

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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 136 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

Quarter time in 2024 has arrived and we've got plenty to reflect on before Term 2 (aka the Second Quarter) kicks off.

Key events from week 6 included a site visit out at MAX Services and PASS Sports Day which was unfortunately cancelled due to the weather.

Week 7 was a short week due to a public holiday on Monday and a Student Free Day on Tuesday, however the week was finished off with a camp to Adelaide for our Year 10/11 academy members. See page 3 for the web article for that camp.

Week 8 was a full week of activity with lunch time activities every day, after school activities on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and we trained on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We also had a visit from our Employment Officer (Eddie Hocking) and our first Family BBQ for 2024.

Week 9 included a visit from our Regional Manager (Ian Taylor), site visits at SA Water, Woolworths and BIG W, plus our Year 7 Induction Camp before the Easter long weekend. See page 5 for the web article for that camp.

During week 10, we held our annual Health Checks Expo with Sonic HealthPlus and Stellar Health joined to administer outstanding immunisations to academy members. See page 6 for the web article for that activity.

During week 11 we treated the year 12s to a feed after school on Tuesday, celebrated excellent attendance and Work Ready Checklist completion on Wednesday, a Super Training with the

Whyalla Academy and Big Day Out on Thursday, before finishing off the Term with a Good Bunch Lunch and Raffles.

We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our 'Good Blokes' of the Week for the last half of this Term - continue to build on this positive start, fellas!

Week 6 - Yuelan Schmerl

Week 7 - Dane Kroes

Week 8 - Lemiah Wayne

Week 9 - Leiton James

Week 10 - Darnell Warren

Week 11 - Jayden Burgess

For the first 5 weeks of Term 2, we look forward to Director's PD in week 1, Year 7/8 Coober Pedy Camp and Mother's Day Afternoon Tea in week 2, Ian and Eddie visiting in week 3, our Year 8/9 Footy Carnival in week 4 and a normal week in week 5 before heading to QLD for Clontarf Staff PD.

Thanks to our partners and other key stakeholders for your continued support, we look forward to many interactions throughout 2024. The experiences and opportunities provided to academy members makes a huge impact on their lives and will make the transition from school to employment or further study achievable.

Finally, we encourage all connected to Clontarf to pop in at any stage throughout 2024, particularly our special events.

Cheers, Kriston Thompson



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Engagement Camp

On Wednesday 13th March, 6 Boys gathered in the Academy Room with their bags packed ready for a road trip to Adelaide for an Engagement Camp.

The trip was great with some great music and singing. Once we arrived in the Adelaide CBD, we parked by the Torrens and walked to our first activity which was the Escape Room. We split into two groups of four and the challenge was set of who could escape! The boys were in full flight working out the riddles to unlock some padlocks and doors. Teamwork was the go and it was evident our boys wanted to win. Unfortunately time beat us and it was off with our heads!

After a quick debrief, we walked back to the bus via Rundle Mall. Next it was a basketball activity with the Ocean View Academy at the Kilburn Community Youth Centre organized by Ocean View Academy Director "Killer". After some handshakes and introductions, Joe and Renee from the Aboriginal Basketball Academy put the boys through some warm ups; it was then students vs staff in a friendly but competitive game of basketball. The game winner was hit by Jared Reid and he let us know about it as well. We had some snacks and ventured to the Ocean View Academy, which was going to be our accommodation for the night. The boys set up their areas after "Killer" showed us around, BBQ and salad was on the menu for dinner. After a good feed and some banter, we had a good sleep.

We were up bright and early to pack up and head to a Super Training at North Haven Surf Lifesaving Club. Ocean View and Paralowie joined us for the Super Training and "Damage" the captain of North Haven Surf Lifesaving Club challenged the boys with some great activities on the beach, the boys had a blast! After a solid Super Training, the boys and staff cooled off with a nice swim and enjoyed a nice bacon and egg wrap for breakfast. We hit the showers and said our thank yous and goodbyes and travelled to Regency TAFE to book in for the night.

After a nice Clonny Style lunch of cold meat and salad wraps, we headed to Marion Aquatic Centre for another swim, the boys enjoyed their swim. After hitting the showers and getting dressed, the boys had some free time shopping at Marion Shopping centre, after a quick briefing the boys explored the shops and just hung out with each other.

Dinner for the night was at Brighton Fasta Pasta and we had a special guest Callan Mckenzie who had won the Junior Attendance Award for Port Augusta Clontarf in 2019 as a year 8. Callan is an Apprentice Plumber in Adelaide and volunteered his time to come and have a talk with the boys about working and the importance of attending school and utilizing the Clontarf mentors and teachers for some advice and guidance. It was a great dinner with some great banter, but it was time to go back to Regency TAFE for some rest and relaxation.

Up early Friday morning we had breakfast in TAFE cafeteria, which was a fully cooked breakfast. It was time to hit the road back to Port Augusta; it was a mixed trip of sleeping, singing and reminiscing of the camp and some funny stories were shared.

Once back in Port Augusta, the boys unpacked the bus and gave it a clean. We dropped the boys off home. It was a great couple of days with some great and funny memories created.



Term 1 Raffle Winners

As per usual, our last Good Bunch Lunch (GBL) for the Term is an opportunity to acknowledge special efforts from our academy members. They were rewarded for strong attendance, attending morning trainings, winning 'Good Bloke' of the week, having a casual/part-time job and undertaking work experience.

To be able to claim a prize, academy members need to be in the room during the GBL. Well done to the lucky winners;

Attendance - Devon Macumba, Kurtley Von Senden, Jakai Hansen, Tawaney Schmerl, Brock Colson, Darnell Warren and Dwayne Wilson-Solomon.

Morning Training - Ricky Taylor

Good Bloke of the week - Eli Allen-Hammer

Work Experience - Cody Promnitz

Employed - Jaidyn Wilton



Aboriginal Veterans SA Visit

Simon Kelly from Aboriginal Veterans SA (AVSA) reached out to us and our school with a special invitation to attend a formal Commemorative Service at the restored gravesite of World War 1 Veteran, Harry Peel on Thursday 21 March. We accepted it with open arms.

The other request was to present to our academy members, so we accepted that too. Simon and his team visited on Wednesday 20 March during our recess break and delivered a presentation to our Year 9 academy members during Contact Time. At the end of the session, Ian Smith who was also present gave our Academy a book called 'For love of Country' as a thankyou, which he is the author of. This book acknowledges all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander personnel from South Australia since Federation.

Descendents of Harry and people from other supporting agencies were present at the gravesite acknowledgement, and it was nice that our academy members were able to be present and acknowledge Harry who served more than 100 years ago.

To finish off our interactions with AVSA, we were invited to a BBQ at Lions Park. Our academy members were complimented for the way they conducted themselves throughout and assisted by packing up gazebos.

Thanks to Steven Warrior who has visited our programme previously and connected Simon to us.

Well done to Darnell Warren, who gave a thankyou on behalf of his class after a presentation and did so without being prompted.

Lemiah Wayne was also given a job at the Port Augusta Cemetery that he did in a respectful manner and represented his family, our school and Clontarf in the best manner possible.

Finally, thanks to our Principal - Simon Owens, Deputy Principal - Sam Carter, Principal for Aboriginal Education - Angela Hancock and PASS Humanities Coordinator - Maggie McLean for organising the session with the PASS Year 9 classes.





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Year 7 Induction Camp

Kayaking and canoeing was a hit during the Year 7s Induction Camp

The Induction Camp started with the Year 7 lads coming to the academy room after school for a debrief and getting their Clontarf uniform ready. After we briefed the lads, we got them to pack the bus with camp gear, food and snacks. Once the bus was ready we left for our site visit at BIG W.

Store Manager, Andrew, lead the tour along with our brothers from Port Pirie and Coober Pedy Academies. Andrew showed us around each aisle and finished up showing the lads the back section, where they get their goods and pallets of different items.

Afterwards we headed over to the Port Augusta Aquatic Centre where the lads helped with unloading the bus and finding which bed they will sleep on. Once everyone was settled Chrissy got the BBQ cranking and the lads had a nice BBQ dinner. Coober Pedy had organized dessert - sticky date pudding with ice cream which was a hit with the boys.

The first night was capped off with Coober Pedy organising a mini laser-tag session before lights out at 9pm.

Next day we had the boys up early as we had a Super Training with everyone and we met some older boys from our academy at the Braddock Gym. The lads worked up an appetite as everyone came back to the Aquatic Centre for brekky. Kriston and Allan cooked up some bacon & eggs for everyone. Once everyone had there food, Simon the Aquatic Instructor had the boys sit down and he gave them a brief about what was going to happen and also explained about the dangers that are in and around the water.

He had the boys split into two groups: one did kayaking and the other did canoeing. Once the aquatics was done, the boys showered, got dressed and helped pack the bus and cleaned their sleeping area better than before. Once everything was cleaned and packed, Simon came over and thanked the boys. Leiton stepped up and did the thank you on behalf of Port Augusta Clontarf Academy.

We then travelled back to the Academy Room where the lads helped with unloading everything off the bus and packed things away.

Josh had some special treats ready for the lads to have lunch.

We gave the Clontarf Spirit award to a lad to Leiton James, who demonstrated what being a 'Good Bloke' is, a really nice ending to a great camp.

Well done to all involved.





Another Health Checks record and more!

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69 Health Checks and 29 academy members up to date with their immunisations

During Week 10, Term 1, 2024, the Sonic HealthPlus team visited for another Health Checks Expo. This year was slightly different with Stellar Health joining this event and administering outstanding immunisations that were missed by academy members in Year 7 or 10, and in some cases both.

The 715-Health Check is a well-being check of young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander men, to scope their physical and mental health. This check involves checking their height, weight, hearing and vision, skin, heart, lungs, teeth and gums as well as a series of questions relating to school, life and organising any necessary follow-ups with their usual doctor/medical centre. There is also the option to provide a urine sample and have some bloods taken to check for iron levels and kidney function.

To wrap up the event and reward academy members for being involved in this important activity, we held year level raffles at our Good Bunch Lunch on Friday. Our lucky winners were; Ben Haines in Year 7, Xaviiah Reid in Year 8, Alvin Austin in Year 9, Timothy Klembt in Year 10, Jared Reid in Year 11 and Darius Colson in Year 12.

Well done to Eli Allen-Hammer and Samson Milera-Champion who gave a thank you on our behalf.

Finally, a huge thank you to Sandy Holland and her team from Sonic HealthPlus and Adelle Cimarosti and Marilyn Dunham from Stellar Health. We look forward to improved outcomes in 2025 and another record of 70 or more completed health checks!



Photos from the expo



Upcoming Events

Week 1

- Director's PD in Pt Lincoln (Wed-Fri)
- First Morning Training (Thur)

Week 2

- Year 7/8 Coober Pedy Camp (Mon-Wed)
- Mother's Day Afternoon Tea (Fri)

Week 3

- Ian & Eddie's Visit (Tue-Thur)

Week 4

- Port Augusta Shield - Year 8/9 Footy Carnival (Tue-Fri)

Week 5

- Morning Training (Tue/Thur)

Week 6

- Clontarf Staff PD in QLD **(Academy Room Closed for the week) No pick-ups or drop-offs**
- Student Free Day (Fri)

Week 7

- Public Holiday (Mon)
- Morning Training (Thur)

Week 8

- Morning Training (Tue)
- Super Training with Whyalla Academy (Thur)

Week 9

- Morning Training (Tue)
- Year 10/11 Camp (Wed-Fri)

Week 10

- Morning Training (Tue)
- Super Training & Big Day Out in Port Pirie (Thur)

Family BBQ

In week 8, we held our first Family BBQ for the year. It was great to see some new families join us and we look forward to the next one.

After Kriston gave an update about our start to 2024, Seth Brady in year 12 shared what we got up to on the Leadership Camp in week 5. We also provided an update on the Year 10/11 Camp in week 7. Samson Milera-Champion in year 9 also let everyone know about the activities from the Year 8/9 Camp in week 3.

Future activities that families can check out include;

1. Mother's Day on Fri, Week 2, Term 2
2. Year 8/9 Footy Carnival on Wed, Week 4, Term 2.
3. Family BBQ on Wed, Week 8, Term 2.
4. Dad's vs Lads Footy Game on Wed, Week 7, Term 3.
5. Awards Night on Wed, Week 3, Term 4.



Photos from Weeks 6-11



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FOOTBALL CARNIVAL



**WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY
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Bring the passion, Clontarf
Spirit & footy skills to the
Port Augusta Carnival



mother's day Afternoon tea

May 10th Friday | 12:30pm - 01:30pm
In the Port Augusta Academy Room



Please join us for a Mother's Day afternoon tea with the Port Augusta Clontarf students.

This also presents an opportunity for parents/caregivers to meet with teachers or staff.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



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