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

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Wedgetails Term 2 Wrap-Up



Term 2 has been another busy and successful term for the Western Cape Clontarf Academy. Our boys have continued to engage strongly in morning training sessions, after-school activities and camps, creating opportunities to build leadership, strengthen relationships and stay connected to school.

The highlight of the term was hosting our annual Western Cape Shield, where we welcomed nine Clontarf academies from across the region to Weipa. It was a fantastic week of rugby league, cultural experiences and community connection, and our boys represented the academy and the Western Cape with pride.

A big thank you to our families, school staff and community partners for your ongoing support throughout the term. We look forward to another strong term ahead.

FNQ Clontarf Queensland State of Origin Trails



This term, boys from Clontarf academies across Queensland travelled to Cairns to participate in the Clontarf State of Origin Rugby League Trials. The event marked a significant milestone as it was the first time the trials have been hosted in Queensland, bringing together talented young men from across the state to showcase their skills and compete for selection.

The trials provided an incredible opportunity for boys to challenge themselves, connect with other Clontarf members, and experience rugby league at a representative level. Throughout the week, all participants displayed great determination, sportsmanship, and pride in representing their academies and communities.

We would like to congratulate all of the boys who were selected to represent Queensland in the Clontarf State of Origin. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of the hard work and commitment they continue to demonstrate both on and off the field.

The Western Cape Clontarf Academy wishes the Queensland team all the very best and hopes they bring the shield home. Go Queensland!



Year 12 Employment Forum



In Week 4, Year 12 students from the Western Cape Clontarf Academy travelled to Cairns to attend the Clontarf Year 12 Employment Forum. This important event brought together students and Clontarf partners to focus on post-school pathways, employment opportunities, and the transition from school into the workforce.

Throughout the forum, students engaged with industry representatives, participated in workshops, and gained valuable insight into workplace expectations and the skills required to succeed beyond school. Alongside the formal sessions, students also participated in a range of team bonding and recreational activities, including swimming and a cable ski experience. These activities provided a great opportunity for students to strengthen relationships with peers from other academies, build teamwork, and enjoy positive shared experiences outside the classroom environment.

The Western Cape Clontarf Academy is proud of the way our Year 12 boys represented themselves throughout the forum. Their engagement, respect, and maturity were outstanding, and they continue to show strong commitment to their future pathways.

A sincere thank you is extended to all Clontarf partners for their ongoing support, time, and commitment to our students. Your involvement plays a vital role in creating meaningful opportunities and helping our young men prepare for life beyond school.



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Year 7 and 8 Camp Mapoon



In Week 5, Year 7 and 8 boys travelled to Mapoon for an awesome camp experience.

The camp was fun, engaging, and provided students with plenty of opportunities to connect, build relationships, and strengthen their bonds with one another. Throughout the camp, the boys participated in a range of activities including fishing, team activities, and a beach clean-up alongside the Mapoon Rangers. This gave the boys an opportunity to learn more about the importance of looking after Country and respecting the local environment and community. It was also perfect timing as the Legends of League travelled to Mapoon to run a rugby league clinic. Our boys participated in the session and really enjoyed the opportunity to learn new skills, have fun, and engage with positive role models. The boys also had the opportunity to get to know their NRL heroes, hear their stories, and spend quality time with them throughout the visit. For myself, it was my first camp with the Year 7 and 8 boys, and it was great to spend quality time with the students away from the school environment. It allowed me to connect with the boys on a deeper level, continue building strong relationships, and create positive memories together.

Overall, the camp was a great success and created many positive experiences for everyone involved.



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Napranum Teacher Community Afternoon



The Western Cape Clontarf Academy recently participated in the Napranum Community Afternoon, an event that brought together students, staff, families, and community members for an afternoon of connection, activity, and fun.

Our senior boys took part in rugby league training as part of their after-school activity program, working on their skills while enjoying the opportunity to train alongside their peers. At the same time, our junior boys were involved with the PCYC, participating in basketball activities and games that promoted teamwork, confidence, and healthy lifestyles.

It was fantastic to see so many teachers in attendance, supporting students and engaging with the community outside of the classroom environment. It was also great to see our Principal and Deputy Principals getting involved, running around with the students and joining in on the activities. Their presence highlighted the strong relationships and positive culture that exist across our school community.

The afternoon was a great success and provided an excellent opportunity for students, staff, and community members to come together, strengthen connections, and celebrate the positive spirit of Napranum.

A big thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making the afternoon such an enjoyable event.



Year 10 and 11 Camp - Bouchat



In Week 7, Year 10 and 11 students from the Western Cape Clontarf Academy travelled to Bouchat for a cultural and connection-based camp experience focused on learning, leadership, and strengthening relationships on Country. Throughout the camp, students had the opportunity to connect with Traditional Owners of the land through yarning sessions, gaining valuable insight into culture, history, and the importance of respecting and caring for Country. These conversations helped deepen understanding and strengthened cultural identity among the boys.

The camp also included a range of hands-on ranger-style activities, giving students the chance to engage with the land in practical and meaningful ways. Recreational activities such as fishing and swimming were also enjoyed, providing balance between learning and relaxation while building teamwork and camaraderie.

To finish the camp, students took part in a 3-on-3 basketball competition, showcasing their energy, sportsmanship, and competitive spirit in a fun and inclusive environment.

The Western Cape Clontarf Academy is proud of how our Year 10 and 11 boys represented themselves throughout the camp. Their respect, engagement, and positive attitude were outstanding, and experiences like this continue to strengthen their connection to culture, Country, and each other.



2026 Western Cape Shield



The annual Weipa Western Cape Shield was an exciting and successful event that brought together eight academies from Cairns and Townsville, giving young Clontarf boys the opportunity to compete, learn, and experience the unique culture of Cape York. One of the major activities during the event was the 9's Rugby League competition, where teams showcased their skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The competition provided valuable experience for the boys while creating a fun and competitive atmosphere throughout the tournament.

Beyond the football field, the boys had the chance to visit local cultural centres and learn about the rich history, traditions and heritage of the region. These cultural experiences helped build understanding and appreciation of local communities and their connection to the land.

Another highlight of the program was the Super Training that was attended by partners, school staff and boys. The super training challenged the boys and helped develop their fitness, discipline and teamwork.

The group also took part in activities with Rangers at Mapoon with a beach clean-up and a fishing activity.

The visit was an exciting and enjoyable experience for the boys from the south, many of whom were seeing and experiencing the life in the Cape for the first time. The event provided a great opportunity to showcase what we do up here, while building friendship, cultural understanding, and sharing passion for country.

Overall, the Western Cape Shield was a memorable event that combined sports, culture, education, and community engagement.

It was a huge success



Morning Training and After School Activities



Our Clontarf boys have continued to make the most of both our morning training sessions and after-school activities, staying active while building healthy habits, teamwork, and strong relationships.

Morning trainings at WISH have been a fantastic way to start the day, with students participating in a variety of sports and fitness activities. On selected mornings, the boys have also enjoyed getting in the pool for games of water polo, providing a fun and engaging way to improve fitness and teamwork.

After school, our senior boys have been working hard through a structured rugby league program in preparation for the upcoming Term 3 football events against Tagai and Bamaga, as well as their Brisbane trip to compete in the Clontarf Queensland Cup.

Meanwhile, our junior boys have been regularly attending PCYC's incoming program in the Napranum community, where they continue to enjoy positive recreational activities while strengthening their connections with the local community.

These programs continue to provide our young men with valuable opportunities to stay engaged, active, and prepared both on and off the field.



Year 5 and 6 Big Day Out



In Week 10, our Year 5 and 6 boys finished the term on a high with a Big Day Out around Weipa. The day also provided a great opportunity for our new Operations Officer, Dylan Savage, who recently joined the Western Cape Clontarf Academy team, to spend quality time with the boys and begin building strong relationships and connections.

The day kicked off with a Big Breakfast at the Heritage Resort, fishing at Evans Landing, where the boys enjoyed getting out on the water, sharing stories, and trying their luck with a line in hand. From there, the group headed to the WASP for a range of sporting activities, promoting teamwork, healthy competition, and plenty of fun.

To finish off the day, the boys cooled down with an afternoon at the pool, enjoying some well-earned relaxation after an action-packed day.

The Big Day Out was a fantastic way to celebrate the end of a successful term, with plenty of smiles, laughter, and positive interactions throughout the day. It was especially valuable for Dylan to connect with the younger boys and begin establishing the strong relationships that are at the heart of the Clontarf program.

A big thank you to everyone involved in making the day a success. We look forward to seeing what Term 3 has in store for our Year 5 and 6 boys.

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Term 2 Snapshots





What's On Term 3

- Year 5 & 6 Sleepover Big Day out - **Weipa**
- Year 7 & 8 Education Camp - **Bramwell**
- Year 9 Partner Experience - **Pennefather**
- Year 10 Queensland Cup - **Brisbane**
- Year 11& 12 Rugby League Camp - **Bamaga/T.I**

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