



# CLONTARF

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RELATIONSHIP &  
PARTNERSHIPS

## *Support Program*

This year has been one of the most outstanding years for Clontarf and Tambrey Primary School. The program at Tambrey has seen growth in all areas, but most importantly it has seen record levels of Attendance in 2023. 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. Greg 'Towny' Townsend extremely proud of the boys and their achievements in 2023. We had 33 boys in the program this year across Years 4,5,6.

### **Attendance**

One of our key performance indicators is Attendance and this year's group and individual attendance has been nothing short of stellar.

As a group the boys attended at a whopping 85% for the year.

33% of the group finished the year at 90% or above.

23 of our boys finished at 80% or above our base figure for the foundation.

Another five students were within two percent of the base figure as well just outstanding.

Some individual students came up to 20 per cent higher than the previous year and one student came 37% more than the previous year. This is not all due to the program, but also to the immense support and care from their teachers to engage the students and embrace the program so we can help the students gain a better education and a brighter future.

We have engaged the boys through regular early morning training sessions and after school activities I am happy to report that most of the Tambrey group attended most weeks which is extraordinary. We tried to provide fun and entertaining fun sessions for the boys, covered a huge range of sports and games, followed by many cooked breakfasts, which we hope, set the boys up for a great day at school.

Our **After School activities** throughout the year provided the boys a great variety of events to attend. From trips to the pool in those super-hot months, rock art tours, beach cricket and BBQs at Hearson's Cove, Adventure playground visits, Lego & food games, Dampier fishing, hitting balls at the golf range, sports clinics, the good old slip and slide and ping pong comps. The fun was endless!!!





### Community

This year the boys have also been active in going out into the community and promoting the school and Clontarf in a positive manner. This is changing perceived ideas some people may have of our boys in the general public. We have been involved in manned water stations at running events such as the Mother's Day Classic for breast cancer awareness. We participated in the first ever Rowan's Walk in Karratha bringing awareness to Suicide Prevention in the region. Our boys got up at 530am to get involved in this event. We were involved in school events such as Walk to School Day and the Reconciliation Walk. We engaged our parents with our inaugural Father's Day Dodge Ball event at the Leisureplex, which was a huge success. We had our first ever Family NAIDOC footy game, fishing competitions, Partner Super training mornings and so much more!!!! We will continue this and grow this area of our Academy profile, by giving the boys more diverse experiences in the community for many years to come.

### Camps

We have been blessed to take the boys out for Camps throughout the Year and thank the support of the school to allow us to do this. We have been lucky to travel to places such as Exmouth and Cleaverville. The Exmouth Year six Camp was a fabulous experience for the boys. We got to do surfing, went to the local Aquarium, swimming and had a game of footy against the local primary school. Cleaverville was a beautiful day of fishing followed by a magnificent feed at sunset with marshmallows and camp fire stories to finish off. Our Big Day out adventures across the terms rewarded boys who had attended at set high attendance rates to enjoy beach days, laser tag and aqua run madness for showing their commitment to attending school. We got to have real fun and build stronger relationships with the boys.

### Thank you

I would lastly like to take this opportunity to thank the families of the boys. I have been privileged to work with these great boys for what was my greatest year since I started working with the program in 2010. It amazes me that I worked with the boys in the program back then that have become fathers of the boys I am now involved with. It would not be possible without the fantastic support you show me, the other staff, and the program. I don't take this responsibility lightly and I look forward to working with you all in 2024, when we create more great memories and I'm sure will be another fantastic year for both Tambrey Primary and Clontarf.

### Clontarf Room

Our room is just magnificent at Tambrey. This space is essential to the program offering a place to for the boys to come and chill out play some games and just chat to the staff to see how the boys are generally going at school. It also now has a small hygiene station where the boys can access toothbrushes and other hygiene products. It is also the place where I have continued to cook thousands of toasted sandwiches and prepared many meals throughout the year to get the boys through their school week. We have been accommodating to other students and subjects when they have been looking for a space to run their activities and classes. We cannot thank the school enough for providing such a great room to run our program from, and for the boys to feel safe and engaged. We have been blessed this year to have many notable visitors including Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Dr Tony Buti, Cheryl Parkin Regional Head of Education, through to sports stars from the NRL. The room has been a magnet for many memorable occasions.

