

Port Lincoln Clontarf Academy

Port Lincoln Academy Highlights

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ABOUT THE ACADEMY

The Port Lincoln Clontarf Academy was founded in 2019 and operates out of Port Lincoln High School. It caters for students in Years 7 to 12 and currently has 58 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

Port Lincoln Clontarf Academy: Term 2 Snapshot

Term 2 at Port Lincoln Clontarf Academy has been both rewarding and eventful, marked by a range of activities, strong student engagement across most year groups.

First and foremost, we would like to extend a massive thank you to Matthew Stokes for his outstanding contribution to the Port Lincoln Academy. Matthew has done a mountain of work within the academy, forging strong connections with the boys and their families. While you move on within the Clontarf Foundation, your presence will certainly be missed at Port Lincoln. We congratulate you on your hard work, and look forward to seeing you each term.

The term brought some changes, with the academy now operating as a two-person team. Casey Amos and I have concentrated on the core components of the programme: afternoon activities, morning trainings, targeted contact time with our year groups, and school camps. It has certainly been a busy term, with 58 boys currently engaged in the programme.

Our Year 11 and 12 students started the term strongly, attending a part-time employment forum hosted at the Port Lincoln Marina Hotel. This event provided valuable insights and opportunities for our seniors as they begin to transition into the workforce.

Meanwhile, our Year 8–9 boys travelled to Adelaide, where the Woodville Academy hosted a dodgeball and basketball carnival. During this trip, our boys' attitude and leadership qualities truly shone, representing Port Lincoln Clontarf Academy with pride.

Year 7 students experienced their first real camp away from the academy room, staying at the Lions Hostel. Special mention must go to the Year 7 cohort, who excelled in attendance this term, setting a high standard for the rest of the academy.

In addition, another group of boys completed their health checks, reflecting our commitment to well-being and personal development. A huge thank you goes to our Operations Officer, Casey Amos, who has stepped up remarkably as we continue as a two-man academy.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank Clontarf's partners, the Department for Education, Port Lincoln High School, and all of our boys for making Term 2 such a positive and productive period.

Here's to continued engagement, growth and success as we head into Term 3.

Cheers,

Derick Wanganeen



Port Lincoln Employment Forum

Part Time Employment Forum

The Clontarf Academy recently held a successful Year 10-12 Part Time Employment Forum, bringing together 16 young men eager to explore future employment opportunities and build connections with local businesses and community supporters.

The forum was designed to create meaningful discussions between Clontarf partners, supporters and Academy members, helping students build relationships that can support their transition into employment pathways. The event also gave businesses the opportunity to engage directly with students, promote current employment opportunities and provide valuable insight into application processes and workplace expectations. We were fortunate to have the support of partners including Kmart and Bunnings, along with community supporters Port Lincoln Marina Hotel, CEG (Career Employment Group) and Clontarf's own Cam Illet and Eddie Hocking. Their willingness to give up their time and share their knowledge created a welcoming and engaging environment for the boys.

Throughout the forum, the boys put their best foot forward, confidently introducing

themselves, engaging in conversations and networking with employers and supporters. The Fellas took the opportunity to hand out resumes and business cards while discussing potential future employment opportunities and pathways into the workforce. The professionalism, confidence and respect shown by the boys was outstanding and reflected the growth and development they continue to make through the Clontarf program.

Events like this are an important step in preparing our young men for life beyond school and building strong connections within the local community. A big thank you goes to all partners and supporters who attended and contributed to making the forum a success. Your ongoing support continues to create valuable opportunities for our boys and helps inspire confidence as they prepare for their future careers.



Year 7 Lions Hostel Camp

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Eight of our Year 7 Academy members recently participated in an action-packed two-day camp based at the Lions Hostel, providing the boys with opportunities to build relationships, develop leadership skills, and create lasting memories.

The camp kicked off early on Thursday morning with a worksite visit to Bunnings Port Lincoln. A huge thank you to Ian and Eboni, who generously took the time to show the boys through various sections of the store. The group particularly enjoyed learning about the gardening department and gaining hands-on insight into the paint-mixing process, where they discovered how staff create specific colours to meet customers' needs. The visit provided valuable exposure to the workplace and highlighted the variety of career opportunities available within the retail industry.

Following the worksite visit, the boys travelled to North Shields and settled into their accommodation before enjoying lunch and preparing for an exciting afternoon of activities. We were fortunate to partner with Scott Easton from Xtreme Kites and Surf, who facilitated Bubble Soccer and Archery Tag. The boys had an absolute blast, sharing plenty of laughs while competing against one another in a safe and enjoyable environment. Before dinner, the boys participated in a few icebreaker activities to lighten the mood and get some laughter happening. A table tennis tournament followed, bringing out some healthy competition and plenty of banter amongst the group. The evening wrapped up with dinner and some downtime before settling in for the night.

Day two began with an early start as the boys showered, enjoyed breakfast, and prepared for another busy day. The first activity on the agenda was a beach clean-up at Louth Bay. This was a fantastic opportunity for the boys

to give back to the community while helping to keep one of our beautiful local beaches clean. It was great to see the boys take pride in making a positive contribution and starting their day with a good deed.

Fishing was next on the itinerary. While the fish weren't biting as often as we would have liked, the activity was still a highlight of the camp. Throwing a line in, enjoying the scenery, and having a yarn with the boys provided a great opportunity for staff and academy members to strengthen relationships and connect in a relaxed environment.

To finish the camp, the boys took part in a Port Lincoln scavenger hunt. Working together in teams, they travelled to eight different locations around town, solving clues and answering questions along the way. The activity challenged their teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills while allowing them to explore different parts of Port Lincoln.

Overall, the camp was a huge success. The boys represented themselves and the Academy exceptionally well, bringing positive attitudes, enthusiasm, and a willingness to have a go at every activity. Camps like these play an important role in building confidence, strengthening relationships, and creating experiences that our young men will remember for years to come. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to making the camp possible. We are already looking forward to our next adventure with the boys.





Lighting Carnival

The Year 8/9 Lads Take On Adelaide Dodgeball Challenge

An action-packed few days in Adelaide saw the boys test their skills, build stronger connections, and compete in a fun-filled Dodgeball tournament.

Recently, our 8/9 boys recently enjoyed a fun-filled trip to Adelaide for a Clontarf Dodgeball Camp. After a long trip, we arrived at The Woodville Academy just in time for dinner. The evening gave the boys a great opportunity to relax after the journey and catch up with lads from other Clontarf academies. It was a great start to the camp, with plenty of laughs, good yarns, and new connections made ready for the dodgeball action the following day. Everyone was up and about early, keen to get the tournament underway. Before the starting the tournament, the boys took part in a couple

of warm-up activities to get moving and wake themselves up. It was a great way to get everyone active, focused, and excited for a big day of dodgeball. Well done to the Woodville Academy who hosted and organised the event Everyone involved had lots of fun, joining in with heaps of energy and showing what Clontarf Spirit is all about. Congratulations to Cy-Jett Davison, who won the Clontarf Spirit Award for Port Lincoln. Cy-Jett was a real standout, always up and about, respectful, and enjoyed every moment on camp. The adventure didn't end with dodgeball, the boys had a chance to go shopping at Westfield Marion Shopping Centre. They finished the day with a well deserved meal at the Watermark Glenelg International Buffet, which everyone enjoyed. It was a deadly camp, with lot of laughs, Well done to all the boys for making it such a wonderful trip!



Kicking off Term 2: Morning Training Launch

Sunrise start:

Getting up early for morning training is a key part of the Port Lincoln Clontarf Academy routine. Morning exercise with mates sets the tone for the day, helping the boys wake up, energise, and build a positive mindset before classes begin. Whether it's kicking a footy or working through team exercises, this boost self-confidence and strengthen the fellas relationships.

After training, the boys enjoy a bacon and egg breakfast—or cereal for those who prefer it—followed by a shower to ensure they're fresh and ready for the day. Having morning training every Tuesday and Thursday provides the boys with a healthy routine and gives them something to look forward to each week. This consistency not only supports their physical wellbeing but also encourages positive habits.



Staying Strong: Academy Health Screenings

Term 2 Health Checks Support Our Boys' Well-Being

The Port Lincoln Clontarf Academy teamed up with Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service (PLAHS) for two days of health checks during Term 2, giving our boys the chance to learn more about their health and wellbeing. Over the two days, 14 boys who were due for a health check took part and got some valuable insights into their overall health. It was a great opportunity for the boys to check in on how they're travelling, ask questions, and have a yarn with the PLAHS team about ways to stay healthy and look after themselves. It was great to see them taking an interest in their wellbeing and making the most of the support available to them. The health checks are an important part of Clontarf's Well-Being pillar, encouraging our young men to build healthy habits, stay informed, and take ownership of their health. Opportunities like these help set the boys up with the knowledge and confidence to make positive choices both now and into the future. As a reward for getting involved, each boy received a voucher of their choice from either Kmart or Coles. A massive thank you to the team at PLAHS for taking the time to support our boys and deliver the health checks. We value and appreciate the strong partnership between PLAHS and the Academy. Working together helps ensure our young men have access to the support and services they need to thrive. Great effort, lads!



Upcoming Events

Week 1 Term 3

- Welcome Back BBQ (Mon)
- Good Bloke Lunch (Fri)

Week 2

- Matthew Stokes & Eddie Hocking Visit
- Morning Training (Tue) (Thur)
- Good Bloke Lunch (Fri)

Week 3

- Morning Training (Tue) (Thur)
- Good Bloke Lunch (Fri)

Week 4

- Year 11-12 Employment Forum (Adelaide) Tues-Fri

Week 5

- Morning Training (Tue-Thur)
- SOO Footbal Trial Game V Whyalla/Ceduna/Pt Augusta @ Kimba

Week 6

- Morning Training (Tue)
- Yr 7-8 Thuruna Camp (Thur-Fri)

Week 7

- Morning Training (Tues-Thur)
- Good Bloke Lunch (Fri)

Week 8

- Morning Training (Tues-Thur)
- Good Bloke Lunch (Fri)

Week 9

- Morning Training (Tues)
- Yr 9-10 Whyalla Carnival Camp

Week 10

- Morning Training (Tues)
- Top Attenders Big Day Out (Wed)

Mothers Day Morning Tea

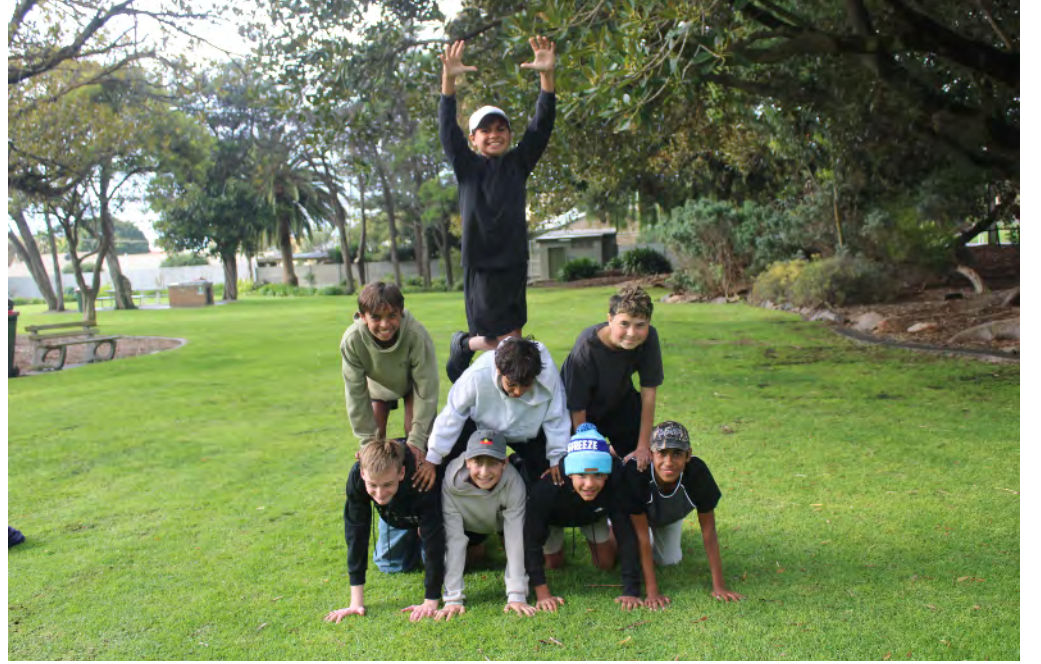
Port Lincoln Clontarf Academy Hosts Special Mother's Day Celebration

Clontarf Boys Show Appreciation at Mother's Day Morning Tea

The Clontarf Academy recently hosted a wonderful Mother's Day Morning Tea, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for Mums, Carers, and School staff to come together and celebrate. The event saw a fantastic turnout, with plenty of laughter, conversation, and appreciation shared throughout the morning. A special mention goes to our Year 8 lads, who helped set up the Academy room during their Contact Time beforehand, showing great teamwork and leadership in preparing for the event. The Year 9 lads also played an important role by making fresh scones the day before, helping prepare a delicious spread for guests to enjoy. A huge thank you also goes to the Possums Store for generously providing wraps for the event. Guests were treated to finger food platters, fruit platters, party pies, biscuits, cupcakes, fresh scones, wraps, along with tea and coffee. Academy members proudly showed their appreciation by preparing plates of food and making tea or coffee for their Mums. The morning tea highlighted the strong community spirit within the Academy and was a great way to celebrate the important women in everyone's lives.



Photos from Term 2



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