

Port Lincoln Clontarf Academy

Clontarf Newsletter

Term 2, 2023



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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 64 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

The Port Lincoln Clontarf Academy has continued to grow and provide opportunities for our young men to be successful both inside and outside of the classroom. The start of 2023 has seen the academy grow from 45 young men in 2022, to an incredible 64 fellas engaged in the program from Years 7-12. Since the end of 2021, the academy has over doubled its enrollments which is a fantastic result for all involved.

As an academy, we had 64 young men engaged over the term, with 38 students averaging 80% and above. This is a tremendous effort by these young men and a reflection of their hard work across Term 2.

The academy, in partnership with Port Lincoln High School, works with students to ensure retention until the end of Year 12 and then into employment. Using supportive relationships, a welcoming environment and a diverse range of activities, the young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men in our programme develop improved self-esteem and confidence which assists them to

participate in education, employment and society in a positive way.

A quick look across our Term 2 planner shows that our boys have been engaged in a variety of activities that have resulted in positive outcomes, including Worksite Visits, Health Sessions, Primary School Clinics, Morning Trainings as well as camps in Port Lincoln and Ceduna. My personal highlight of the term was our Mothers Day morning tea in Week 2. It was great to have all of the special women in the lives of our young men in their space together.

As we approach Term 3, we are excited for what we have planned for academy members, in particular our Senior Employment Forum in Week 3.

Please feel encouraged to get on board with our Morning Training sessions, Afterschool Activities and Good Bloke Lunch's as all activities are a great way to strengthen your relationship with our Academy members.

Jack Yeoman.



Mothers Day Morning Tea

On Friday of Week 2 our Port Lincoln Academy members invited all of the special women in their lives to the Academy for our Mother's Day Morning Tea. It was an amazing turnout and a real highlight of the year so far. Our young men welcomed guests, took coffee and tea orders and then followed up by making and delivering them back to the table for their respective family members.

Other Academy members also helped take orders of our wonderful PLHS staff who made the effort to attend and have a coffee and some food with our members families. A massive thank you to all who came along and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



Year 7-8-9 Ceduna Camp

During Week 6 we had 18 of our Port Lincoln Clontarf Academy members make the journey west to Ceduna for their Year 7, 8 & 9 Camp. After setting up camp in Smoky Bay and getting a fish in on the Tuesday night, the boys were in for a massive day on the Wednesday in Ceduna. The day started with a big bike ride around town with Ceduna Youth Hub. During the ride we stopped in at Koonibba Football Club for a presentation on the incredible history of the club which was a highlight for many of our young fellas.

We then headed out to Koonibba Mission to run a clinic at the local Primary School which was filled with many laughs and strong leadership from all Academy Members. Following

the PS clinic, we headed back to Ceduna for the inaugural Port Lincoln vs Ceduna Football Game. After a strong showing from both sides, Ceduna came away with an 11 point win. We look forward to many more interactions with our new Ceduna Academy.





Yr 9 & 10 Reward & Engagement Camp

Thursday and Friday of Week 8 we held a local overnight camp for some of our Year 9 & 10 men. We used this camp as a way to reward and engage those coming along while also looking to provide first time opportunities in an employment space, as well as looking to re-establish some relationships throughout our Year 9 cohort who have had some challenges in this area throughout the term.

We started the camp off with a fantastic worksite visit to Gazanda Oysters out in Little Douglas. This was a highly engaging and hands on worksite visit that gave the fellas a great insight into the industry. They were even lucky enough to have plenty of oysters shucked in front of them, much to Tate Shillabeers delight! Following our visit we headed out to the Port Lincoln National Park for a fish, however it seems the fish were away on holiday and are due back next week...

Due to the severe weather we had to go to plan B and stay in the academy room overnight, which for all of the boys on this camp was a first. Dinner at the Boston Hotel, followed by Thursday night footy, table tennis, board games and a movie to finish off the night made for a great first day.

Friday morning, we were up early for a cooked breakfast before heading out to Fisheries Bay to complete a beach clean-up. The weather was magic and the boys did an outstanding job with the clean-up. We finished the camp with Mini Putt and a BBQ out at Glen Forest Animal Park.





Year 7 Big Day Out

Term 2 was jam packed full of activities for our academy members, including our Big Day Out for Year 7's in Week 9.

Like everything we do, we wanted to make the day as fun and engaging as possible while also ensuring positive outcomes for all involved.

We started the morning with delicious pancakes for breakfast which was a big hit. After breakfast we made our way out to Port Lincoln National Park to complete the Stamford Hill Hike.

It was a magic morning to hike, and after completing the hike and checking out the incredible view, we he made our way back into town for our "Partner Scavenger Hunt". The boys were split into two teams and received clues directing them to local partners where they had to hand over a thank you certificate and take a photo. Derick and I had to be directed by the boys who had 1 leader from each team. The hunt finished with a team photo at Winters Hill. Thank you to Coates Hire, K-mart and Bunnings for taking part in this years Partner Scavenger Hunt.





Term 2 Contact Time

Our young men in Year 9 linked up with the Port Lincoln Junior Primary school for a clinic in Week 7. The weather almost had us calling it a day but to our boy's credit they held in there showing great leadership and ran a really engaging and fun session for the little tuckers from across the road. Our boys led from the front showing great support for one another and getting out of their comfort zone with their public speaking and giving positive direction with their activities.

We are lucky enough to have a garden bed outside of the Academy, thanks to our partners at Port Lincoln Bunnings store. It was that time of year to get rid of a few of the old growth and plant a new patch of veggies. Gloves were out, garden shovels were deep into the soil and a new lot of veggies were ready to go. Our Year 8 fellas are hoping to get some fresh carrot, broccoli, celery and cauliflower over the coming months.



Morning Training

Morning Training has continued to be a big highlight this term with average numbers between the low-mid's 20s. While the lower school engagement in Morning Training has been strong, it has also been great to see some Year 11 boys continuing to engage in the sessions. We have had an extremely wet and cold term, with only one training across the entire term not being on a wet and rainy morning so to have those numbers with the weather encountered is a great outcome.



Celebrating Success

At the start of Term 2 all Clontarf Academy members from around South Australia were asked to submit a guernsey design for the Naidoc AFL game in Week 10 being facilitated by Fulton Hogan. Port Lincoln Academy had 5 students make it as finalists, with Year 8 student Tyler Males having his design selected for 2023 guernsey. This was a great achievement for Tyler and a great example to all of our young men to try your best in everything that you do! Tyler was lucky enough to be flown to Adelaide to take part in the day and be recognised for his design.

Parent Testimonial: Allysha Males (Burgoyne);

This year, Tyler has shown growth in so many ways that he and our families and friends have recognized highly. He has shown he is mature for his age and proved over and over that he can support someone in any situation, good or bad.

Tyler has built confidence and great relationships in the Clontarf Academy with the great support, advice and direction that Jack and Derick have given these boys here in Port Lincoln. Tyler has flourished this year and the opportunities are endless and exciting, once he puts his mind to something we know that he will succeed and trust that he will continue to encourage everyone in the same boat. Tyler Winning the Guernsey design for Naidoc week has given him a positive push to keep giving his best in all challenges that he faces.



Photos from Term 2

