



The Stingray Review

**News from the Toronto
Clontarf Academy**

Term 3 2023



Clontarf Mission Statement

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 more meaningfully in society

Our Targets & Goals

We had the following boys achieved 95%
and above in Term 3

Noah Atkins - Year 7
Robbie Donovan - Year 7
Adonai Tapim - Year 7
Logan Flevill - Year 7
Jaxson Parkes - Year 7
Birrani Towney - Year 7
Jax Vesey - Year 7
Kobi Lonsdale - Year 7
Terren Vesey - Year 8
Yarraan Mason - Year 8
Jai Lonsdale - Year 9
Curtis Mills - Year 10
Anaru Towney - Year 10
Thomas Smith - Year 11
Brayden Behan - Year 11
Sebastian Watts - Year 11

We had an average attendance of 82% for Term 3.
55 boys were above 80%

Year 7 - 86%
Year 8 - 81%
Year 9 - 78%
Year 10 - 78%
Year 11 - 92%
Year 12 - 68%

Term 3 Staff Brekky!

On a vibrant morning in beautiful Toronto, Clonatrif boys held a staff breakfast. The enticing aroma of sizzling bacon filled the air as skilled hands carefully fried and crisped each slice to perfection. With freshly-cut fluffy bread rolls and golden eggs tailor-made for each staff member, the dedicated staff indulged in scrumptious bacon and egg rolls. It was a beautiful way for the boys to interact with all the staff on another level, rather than sitting behind a desk taking notes. It gave the staff a perfect kickstart to their day and got them on the front foot.

Following the breakfast affair, there was a big buildup of staff lining up to take on the students in an intense game of ping pong. Amidst laughter and competitive spirit, barriers were broken down and the staff engaged with the lads on another level. The staff breakfast not only showcased the approachability of the staff but also served as a reminder of the vibrant community within the school.



Cut To The Chace

In Week 8, the Year 9/10 students from the Toronto Academy joined forces with the Moree Academy to compete at the state-wide rugby league carnival named the Ross Kelly Cup after the outgoing Chairman of the Clontarf Foundation, Ross Kelly.

The students played gallantly against some very strong competition and were only beaten by a few points by the competition runner-ups, Mount Austen. The Toronto/Moree amalgamation started slowly against the competition favorites until cult hero, Chace Koren-Brennan, was thrown a cut-out ball and said "catch me if you can...". Chace sliced through a gap in the defense and ran the length of the field to open up his team's try-scoring account for the day.

Both teams showed immense sportsmanship and character during the game, which continued throughout the carnival. Toronto/Moree finished second in their pool behind Mount Austen, who progressed through to the finals only to be beaten by Endeavour Academy. A special mention to Toronto Academy standout, Bailey Sutherland, who made the representative side that played as a curtain-raiser to the carnival Grand Final.

In addition to the carnival, the Toronto Academy members also participated in some engaging activities during their 3-day camp to Sydney and the Central Coast. The students started the camp with a game of beach footy and a swim at Manly Beach before getting some fresh fades in preparation for the major dinner the following night. The students participated in an Amazing Race around Accor Stadium before joining over 1,000 Clontarf Academy members, alumni, staff, corporate partners, dignitaries, and special guests at the Ross Kelly Cup dinner. This was a great opportunity to celebrate the students and encourage their success in the future. Everyone seemed to have an awesome time and got a lot out of the experience as the bus ride home was filled with constant chatter of every moment of the games and camp.



Partners Build Relationships At The Beach

On the last day of Term3, the students from the Toronto Academy were buzzing with excitement at the Partner Morning Training. The students joined members from the Singleton Academy, hosts Newcastle Academy, and CEOs from BCF, Hitachi, and many more at Dixon Beach. This provided the students with the opportunity to interact with Clontarf corporate partners, and for the partners to experience the magic of a Clontarf morning training session. Prior to the training, the partners participated in a week-long Clontarf Partner Experience, which included activities such as surfing, fishing, cooking challenges, and cultural tours with the Academy members. This allowed them to gain a sense of the program and understand how they can better support the students on their path to success.

The training session started with a warm-up tackle bag relay before breaking into multiple mini games of oz-tag. With the trademark "Clontarf Spirit" always on display, it was great to see all students, staff, and partners getting heavily involved and having fun. The morning wrapped up with plenty of bacon and egg rolls for everyone to enjoy, leaving everyone with a full stomach and some wonderful memories.



Deadly Stories



Harbour Bridge Climb

The year 11 and 12 boys were given the opportunity to climb the world famous Sydney Harbour Bridge on their mini-major camp. While some of the boys struggled with the heights it was well worth it for the amazing views and experience.



Dance Group

Toronto High School AEO Caitlin organised the opportunity for some of the boys to participate in an Aboriginal dance group, they performed in front of the THS School community at this years NAIDOC assembly. The boys were fantastic and should be very proud of themselves.



Year 12 Graduates

A huge congratulations to the six year 12 Clontarf students who have now graduated, and good luck to these boys in their upcoming exams. Ben, Latrelle, Jayd, Jake, Ellis and Toby now have their major trip to Cairns in week 6 to celebrate this huge achievement.

Top Photos from Term 3





Thank You

A big thanks to all our families,
school staff and partners who
have made this semester possible
for our boys.

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