

Clontarf

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

Using the passion that Aboriginal boys have for football allows the Foundation to attract the boys to school. But it is not a sporting programme. Each Clontarf Academy, formed in partnership with the local school, is focussed on encouraging behavioural change, developing positive attitudes, assisting students to complete school and secure employment.

Fundamental to this, is the development of values, skills and abilities that will help the boys to achieve better life outcomes. Through a diverse mix of activities, the full-time, local Clontarf staff mentor and counsel students while the school caters for the educational needs of each student. The Barambah Academy opened at the start of Semester 2, 2015. The Academy spans across the Barambah Creek and the two communities of Cherbourg and Murgon: the Years 4, 5 and 6 boys from Cherbourg State School and the Years 7 to 12 boys from Murgon High School. Below are some photos of recent activities and you can find out more about what the Barambah Academy gets up to here: <http://www.clontarf.org.au/academy/barambah-academy/> and by the viewing the Clontarf Weekly Newsletter.