

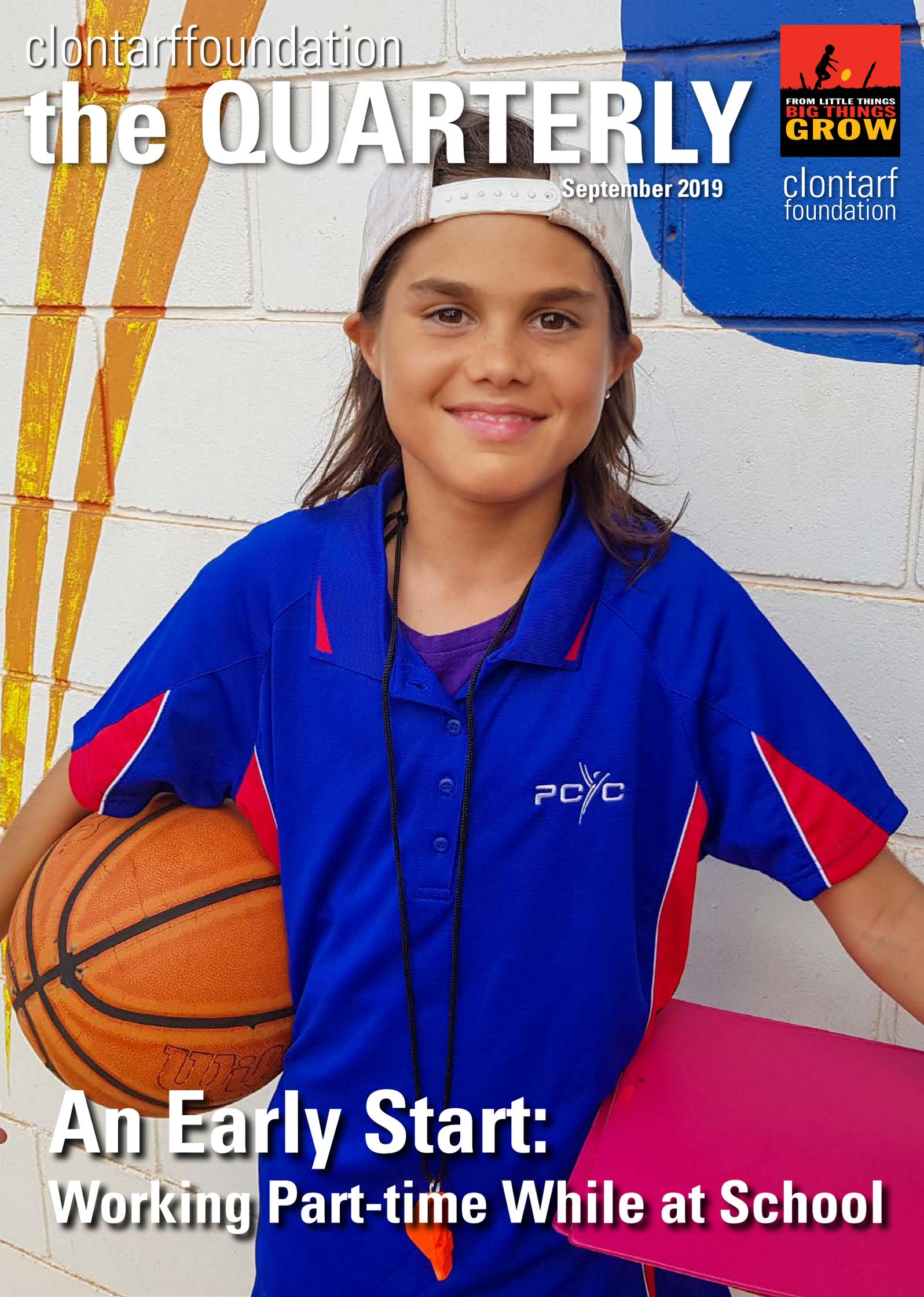
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About us

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.

Using the passion that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 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 focused 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.

Message from the CEO

Welcome to the third Clontarf Quarterly for 2019. It was another big quarter for our boys as they engaged in an exciting programme of activity which included Employment Forums, footy carnivals, community events and reward camps. The most significant event on the calendar however was undoubtedly the 8th annual Ross Kelly Cup rugby league carnival held in Sydney in August, which saw more than 500 boys from across NSW descend on the harbour city.

I had the pleasure of attending the celebration dinner held the night prior to the carnival and was thrilled to see the vast crowd of Clontarf academy members, Foundation partners and local supporters all interacting and sharing positive stories. It was a particularly humbling experience and I'm thankful to all who attended.

I would also like to congratulate the Narromine/Wellington combined side for winning the carnival itself. These two academies are among our newest in 2019 and it's tremendous to see how quickly the boys have embraced the Clontarf spirit on and off the field.

Speaking of Ross Kelly, the Foundation's Chairman, I'd like to mention a significant Clontarf anniversary that was recently celebrated. On the night of the 22nd of August in 1999, I approached Ross with an idea that would eventually evolve, thanks in large part to Ross's contribution, into the Clontarf Foundation. Ross was suggested to me as the ideal person to assist in the creation of the inaugural Clontarf Academy in Waterford, WA. Since that time, he has made an immeasurable impression on myself, the Foundation and most importantly

the boys in our programme and we are all looking forward to celebrating 20 years of Clontarf in 2020.

As I mentioned previously, our employment forums were a significant focus in Term 3 and I'm pleased to announce that 30 forums were held across the country. Hundreds of senior Clontarf boys, including many attending their first ever Clontarf employment event, had the opportunity to meet with industry professionals and potential employers. I wish our senior boys all the very best as they work towards completing school and prepare to transition into work or further study.

Preparations for our next phase of expansion will continue in Term 4 with our Development Team liaising closely with education departments and potential new host schools around the country.

I look forward to sharing a more detailed projection in the final Quarterly of the year in December. Until then, thank you for your support and I'll speak with you again soon.



Gerard Neesham
Clontarf Foundation CEO





Six Year 10-11 boys from Bairnsdale Academy (VIC) met Prime Minister the Hon. Scott Morrison during a visit to Parliament House in Canberra in September.

Bairnsdale Boys Bump into the Prime Minister in Canberra

Six boys from Bairnsdale Academy in Victoria were stunned by a surprise visit from Prime Minister the Hon. Scott Morrison during a trip to Parliament House in Canberra in September.

The Year 10-11 boys were in the nation's capital as part of their major camp for the year and were invited to visit Parliament House by the Member for Gippsland the Hon. Darren Chester.

A long-time friend and supporter of the Foundation, the Prime Minister was well versed in Clontarf activities and was very interested in hearing about the impact the programme was having in Bairnsdale.

Academy member Justin Finn was quick to mention that something as fundamental as transport was a decisive factor in him attending school regularly.

"Getting picked up is the biggest thing for me," he said. "If Turk (Academy Director Paul Carroll) and Gus (Operations Officer Angus Fortune) didn't come every day, I wouldn't come to school."

During the trip, the boys also enjoyed visits to the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and the new Karabar Academy in Queanbeyan, and heard from Bairnsdale Academy alumnus and current Australian

National University (ANU) attendee Kade Alexander.

The Bairnsdale boys would like to thank the Prime Minister and the Hon. Darren Chester for the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.



Alumni Proof of the Power of Sport to Change Lives

"Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire, it has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand."

Nelson Mandela's famous words provided inspiration for 'The Power of Sport to Change Lives' special event hosted by Clontarf partner Fox Sports and the Adelaide Advertiser in August.

The forum, which was attended by South Australian Premier the Hon. Steven Marshall and Deputy Leader of the Opposition Susan Close, explored the use of football and sport more generally as a tool to attract young Aboriginal and Torres Strait men to school and to complete Year 12.

The event featured Clontarf/Geraldton Academy (WA) alumnus and decorated Port Adelaide Power footballer Patrick 'Paddy' Ryder, who spoke about how Clontarf helped to prepare him for life after school.

"Going to school gives you structure every day," Paddy said. "That's what sporting life is about as well, in terms of football. We have a timetable every day that we stick to and there's not much spare time where you can go off in another direction."

Premier Steven Marshall said: "The Clontarf Foundation has been

extremely successful in harnessing the power of sport to encourage more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in their studies. The work they do is absolutely critical to ensuring more is done to actively engage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander boys in education and support them to become successful men."



Clontarf alumni Paddy Ryder (right) and Jeff Farrell (centre) with Gavin Wanganeen during a special event hosted by Fox Sports in Adelaide in August.

An Early Start: Working Part-time While at School

Helping the young men in the programme to find part-time work while still at school has been a big focus of Clontarf's Employment team in 2019.

Whether it's to make some money to save up for a first car, to gain more independence, to develop transferable skills and knowledge, or even just to meet some new friends - there are many benefits of working while studying for the boys in the Clontarf programme.

At the end of July this year, there were 600 Clontarf boys engaged in some form of part-time work; the most Foundation has ever had at the end of the first semester. What is particularly exciting is that a significant portion of these boys were working with some of Clontarf's corporate partners.

The following pages provide a glimpse into the breadth of opportunities these young men are seizing and explore what motivates them to get an early start in employment.



Tyson Castle

Academy: Fremantle (WA)

Role: Retail Assistant

Where: Officeworks, Fremantle

"Working part-time is a great experience and I get to meet a lot of great people.

The money is also handy to help go towards buying a car."



Jackson Hamson

Academy: Singleton (NSW)

Role: Warehouse Assistant

Where: Reece Plumbing

"I enjoy working in a team environment that allows me to develop my skills for future employment opportunities."



Chrishaun Malo

Academy: Derby (WA)

Role: Cashier

Where: Woolworths, Derby

"I enjoy working as I get to talk to all the customers. At the same time I'm saving money.

I think it's important to work hard at school and to think about my future."



Michael Field

Academy: Canobolas (NSW)

Role: Assistant Pizza Maker

Where: Domino's Pizza, Orange

"I like working because I get paid, which means I can buy more things for myself and also save a bit of money for the future. I've also made some new friends, which I wouldn't have without this job."



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Clontarf boys in Year 10-12 are currently engaged in part-time employment while continuing to study at school.

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Clontarf boys in Year 10-12 are engaged in part-time employment with one of Clontarf's 140 partners.



Kayde Mitchell

Academy: Carnarvon (WA)
Role: Junior Program Coordinator
Where: Carnarvon PCYC

"It's a great job, I get to plan and run activities for kids in my community and teach them at the same time. It's hard and I am still learning but I really like it."



Damien Steen

Academy: Kirwan (QLD)
Role: Kitchen Hand
Where: McDonalds, Townsville

"I handed my resume to McDonald's at a jobs fair in Townsville which lead to me having an interview and gaining the job. I'm really enjoying my time here."



Jaidyn Gombar

Academy: Swan Hill (VIC)
Role: Team Member
Where: Bunnings, Swan Hill

"I enjoy working at Bunnings as it allows me to save money for a car, for when I get my P's. It also teaches me skills for the workforce for when I finish school."



Jahleel Mann

Academy: Townsville (QLD)
Role: Kitchenhand
Where: Tony's Pizza

"I love working at Tony's as I have always had a passion for hospitality. I believe gaining employment during school will benefit me transitioning into the workforce."



Part-time Employment Forums

Building on the very successful Employment Forum format, the Clontarf Employment team held a number of smaller events focused on introducing current Clontarf participants to employers who were interested in employing students in part-time, casual and work experience roles. The forums provided the perfect

opportunity for these boys to learn useful pre-employment skills, such as how to write eye-catching resumes and what to do in the lead up to job interviews. There were many fantastic employment outcomes with a number of boys successful in their job applications - we wish these boys all the best!



Geraldton Academy (WA) alumnus Tyson McEwan completed his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Western Australia (UWA) in July this year.



Tyson Driven by Will to Help

“From an early age I was always willing to put my hand up to help people,” said Geraldton Academy (WA) alumnus Tyson McEwan.

This desire to aid others was a significant driver behind Tyson’s decision to study law at university and in July this year, he completed a Bachelor of Arts in Law and Society at the University of Western Australia (UWA).

“I believe having the ability to help people in difficult and challenging legal situations is a way I could help them,” he said.

“I wanted to become an advocate for Indigenous rights and help Aboriginal people and their communities solve domestic issues.”

After graduating from Year 12 in 2013, Tyson moved from Geraldton to Perth to commence studying at UWA. To ensure he was coping with the transition, he was regularly checked on by Clontarf General Manager for Employment, Marcus Harrold.

“It was a big help knowing that I had a support network in Perth as most of my family are up north in the Pilbara. While living down in Perth I have made a lot of new friends with Clontarf alumni and we all support each other.”

In 2018, Tyson spent five months on a student exchange programme at the Pacific University in Portland, Oregon in the United States.

“To be able to study and live on the other side of the world for a few months was unreal. I lived with other international students and it was a great opportunity to share this experience with them as we all experienced similar challenges adjusting to American life.”

Tyson has also completed internships with two Clontarf partners - Herbert Smith Freehills and Rio Tinto - and continues to work casually in Rio Tinto’s Aboriginal Heritage Team.

He is now studying his Juris Doctor postgraduate degree and continues to attend Clontarf events where he shares his experience and knowledge with current students.

“Anything in life is possible if you put your mind to it and just stick with it because what seems so hard now will one day be a warmup.

“I didn’t think I was smart enough for university, but I enrolled and did the course work and graduated with a degree. Just do what drives you to become a better person each day.”

Young Men Receive First Jersey

Members of the new Vincentia Academy (NSW) received their very first Clontarf rugby league jersey at a special presentation event leading up to the 8th annual Ross Kelly Cup in August.

Accompanied by delighted family and community members, the boys gathered at the academy room after school to celebrate their selection into the academy’s team.

Academy staff explained to the attentive crowd the importance of the carnival and how players were selected based on their commitment to school and the values of the academy.

Each player was called up individually and presented with their jersey by Vincentia High School’s deputy principal Mr Simon Flannigan.

Academy Director Jermaine Packer said the event was a proud moment for the academy members and their families.

“The Ross Kelly Cup is one of the biggest events of the year so we wanted to make sure the whole week leading up to the event was special for everyone,” he said.

“It was really inspiring to see the boys pose for photos with their family and friends, and you could tell that they really valued the recognition.”

More than 500 young men from 47 NSW-based Clontarf academies descended on Sydney to participate in this year’s event. As well as the football carnival itself, attendees also engaged in visits to Clontarf partners, leadership activities, city sightseeing and camps.



Each member of Vincentia Academy’s Ross Kelly Cup team was presented with a jersey during a special celebration event in August.



Twelve Year 12 Clontarf boys from Cairns completed their Surf Life Saving Bronze Medallions and Certificate II in Public Safety courses in Term 3.

Surfs Up for Cairns Boys

12 senior boys from the Gordonvale and Cairns academies in Queensland are on their way to achieving their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) thanks to their recent completion of the Surf Life Saving Bronze Medallion and Certificate II in Public Safety courses.

The Year 12 boys celebrated their achievement following a challenging ocean-based assessment that tested their knowledge, skills and endurance.

The boys built up their stamina and perfected their swimming technique in the local pool for a number of weeks leading up to the final assessment.

Cairns Academy Director Matthew Hamdorf said their achievement was one more step towards their successful completion of Year 12.

"These boys worked really hard and displayed strong commitment in the weeks leading up to their final

assessment," he said.

"Cairns is synonymous with water-based activities so having this qualification under their belts will hold them in good stead for future employment opportunities.

"The young men from both academies should be very proud of their achievement and I encourage them to leverage this momentum during the last few weeks of the school year."

The boys and staff from Cairns and Gordonvale academies would like to thank the teams at Surf Life Saving Queensland and the Palm Beach Surf Club for facilitating an informative and enjoyable course.



Teamwork played a big part of the Cairns boys' successful completion of their Bronze Medallions.

Staff Profile: Brenden Petterson



You'd be hard pressed to find a more passionate and dedicated Clontarf team member than Regional Manager for the NT, Brenden Petterson.

Having been with the Foundation since 2012, Brenden's infectious enthusiasm and boundless energy have become famous amongst fellow staff, students and communities around the country.

Born in Gosford, NSW, the self proclaimed Blues rugby league tragic has taken his own special brand of fervor across Australia, undertaking roles in Alice Springs, Darwin, Perth and Tamworth.

"I'm a big believer in PIE, or passion, initiative and energy," he said. "At Clontarf, even when it's raining the sun is shining. We have the opportunity to influence the young men we work with every day. To be positive role models and influence their lives for the better, we need to strive to also be the best versions of ourselves."

Prior to Clontarf, Brenden worked at a range of government and non-government organisations including the Australian Federal Police, Alcohol and Drug Centre, NT Corrections, Centrelink and Mission Australia. The roles he undertook have acted as ideal primers for his career with Clontarf.

Brenden's passion for youth development carries over into his personal life where he spends as much time as possible with his children.

"I have a large extended family and spending time with them and reinforcing the importance of family to my children is important. Between sports, fishing, hunting, camping and staying physically active, my kids and I have many common interests, which is great!"



Wilson Academy (QLD) member Bundharra Wightman joined the crew of the Young Endeavour on a voyage from Gladstone to Brisbane in July.



Young Bundharra's Grand Endeavour

Year 12 school captain and valued member of the Wilson Academy (Toowoomba, QLD) Bundharra Wightman experienced a voyage of a lifetime as a member of the Young Endeavour crew in July.

He was invited aboard the 30 year old twin-masted ship by Westside, a subsidiary of Clontarf partner Landbridge, for the journey from Gladstone to Brisbane.

"Who knew these 11 days would be the best experience of my life," Bundharra said.

"We were taught how to set and furl sails, navigate the seas, master the swells and most importantly, how to work together as a team."

The group of young sailors had to put their new skills to the test during a challenging 'Command Day' - an opportunity Bundharra relished.

"This tasked us 'youthies' with sailing and productively running the entire ship for a whole 24 hours with no guidance by the

staff whatsoever – just the things we had learnt about the boat in previous days to successfully keep the ship afloat.

"I was voted to be a chef and let's just say that my chicken pesto was a hit.

"It's opportunities like this that are provided by the Clontarf Foundation and their wide array of partners across Australia that enable us to step out of our comfort zone and challenge ourselves that will help set us up for life after school. The people I met, the things I learnt and the moments I had upon that ship will never leave me."

The Foundation would like to thank Landbridge for their ongoing support.

And of course, well done Bundharra!

Bunnings Kitchens a Recipe For Success

With the opening of 21 new academies in NSW in 2019, the Clontarf Operations team needed lots of help to get the academy rooms ready for action.

As a valued partner of Clontarf, Bunnings leapt to the rescue by supplying and installing kitchens in 16 of these new academies.

The kitchen is arguably the most important feature of an academy room - it's where academy meals are prepared and where the boys learn to cook and clean; vital lessons to prepare them to live independently post-school.

Clontarf NSW Zone Manager Brendan Maher said he was greatly appreciative of the vital support provided by Bunnings.

"This has been a great opportunity for the new academies to begin building solid

relationships with their local Bunnings stores," he said.

"Thanks to Bunnings, after training breakfasts, 'good bunch lunches' and healthy afternoon snacks are flourishing in our new academies."



The boys from Tumut Academy (NSW) proudly display their new kitchen which was installed by Bunnings.

Thank you for your support

Clontarf would like to acknowledge the following organisations for their recent commitment to support the Foundation:

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