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Clontarf Academies Getting Results

A record number of Clontarf Football Academy students across the Territory graduated in 2010 and have moved into jobs or training.

Chief Minister Paul Henderson said Clontarf is keeping more Indigenous boys in school to get an education and helping them develop important life skills.

“A good education helps open up to doors to many opportunities in life and Clontarf is helping more young men stay in school across the Territory,” Mr Henderson said.

“Last year we saw 36 young men that participated in the Clontarf Academy finish year 12 and of those 29 have jobs or are in training.

“This year we have 9 Clontarf Academies across 10 campuses with over 670 students spanning over years 7 to 12 and we want to see even more graduates each year.

“At Clontarf sport is used as a key engagement tool and students are also mentored and encouraged to do their best at school as well as taught important life skills.

“Clontarf has recently expanded to Yirkala too and we will look to expand academies into more locations and engage with local industry and businesses to create more job pathways for future graduates,” Mr Henderson said.
Minister for Education and Training Chris Burns said Clontarf Academy is a part of the Every Child, Every Day strategy to increase school attendance.

“Clontarf and the Sporting Chance Girls Academies are part of our new attendance strategy as well as new programs like the Extended School Year and Beyond School Guarantee,” Dr Burns said.

“The Territory Government is committed to continuing work with schools, communities and local employers to see more Clontarf Academies opened and more opportunities created for young Indigenous men in the future.”

Clontarf Sporting Academies are jointly funded by the Northern Territory and Australian Governments as well as private sector supporters. Clontarf Academies are located in Darwin, Palmerston, Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Jabiru, Gunbalanya and Yirrkala.

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