

East Kimberley Clontarf Academy Newsletter

Term 1 – 2020



From The Academy Director – Caleb Conder

It has been a busy and exciting term 1, and we have so much ahead of us this year...

I would like to officially welcome everyone back to another year, and we look forward in supporting our young men in their journey.

Wow there is a serious buzz around the Academy at the moment and we are all riding the wave together. Everyone is up and about and getting around each other.

We have seen a massive retention in Academy numbers and are extremely proud of the boys efforts in attending school and Clontarf activities.

Please enjoy our newsletter and feel free to contact me if you would like to get involved.

Regards Caleb Conder.



Academy Stats

East Kimberley Clontarf Academy at a glance...

119

Academy Members

80%

Total Attendance
(Junior & Senior)

EAST KIMBERLEY
COLLEGE



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Clontarf Welcomes Everyone Back In Style

Clontarf had the privilege of hosting our Welcome Back Lunch for Term 1, on Tuesday 11th February 2020. All staff from the College and community groups such as the Police, OVAHS, P.C.Y.C were invited to come and enjoy the lunch. Our Clontarf boys were all invited as well, which made for a busy yet exciting lunch. The year 11 and 12 Clontarf fellas gave a hand in preparing the delicious hamburgers as well as serving everyone that attended.

Our fellas also introduced themselves to our guests with the old Clontarf handshake and were great at striking up a conversation. By empowering our boys in these situations will ultimately result in these young men becoming independent people, who can think on their feet and positively contribute to society. This is the Clontarf way and this is why we do what we do.

It was an absolute honour hosting all our guests for the Welcome Back Lunch and I would like to extend a massive thank you to all that attended. We are so appreciative of your support for our boys and our program. Moments like these are perfect in developing and strengthening our relationships as a community. We look forward to having you all back for another Clontarf experience.

Words by Caleb Conder

Photos by Shayne Williams



Clontarf Celebrates International Women's Day

On Wednesday the 11th March the East Kimberley Clontarf Academy in partnership with the Kununurra Girls Academy held our annual International Women's Day morning tea.

The event was a great success with a fantastic turn out and support from the school, families and members from the broader community.

Students from Year 9 -10 Academy Option class help host the event and looked a million dollars, dressed in their black pants and academy shirts.

For the boys the morning was about acknowledging and celebrating the women in their lives and their belief in equal opportunity for all.

Article and photos by Cam Jackson



Year Seven boys Are Inducted Into Clontarf

The year 7 boys have a challenging transition from primary school to high school to contend with in their first year. These boys typically take some time to adjust to the demands that high school places on them, both physically, mentally and socially. During week three of term one, the boys were fortunate enough to be invited on an induction camp that was primarily designed to address the transition and to outline Clontarf's role in their transition and further development into young men.

Over the course of the camp the boys were required to engage in a variety of activities that forced them to be responsible for themselves and each other. This started with them making lunch for the day ahead. They were provided with wraps, deli meat and salad to fill their stomachs. The boys engaged in a thoughtful session that required them to write a pledge that they were to stick to over the course of both, year 7 and the following 5 years of their education. They climbed Kelly's knob as part of a "rite of passage" and when they reached the top they read their pledges to the group.

The boys were rewarded with an afternoon at Blackrock Falls and some games in the gym throughout the afternoon. It was a big afternoon but one the boys thoroughly enjoyed. In the evening the boys put their cooking skills to the test and cooked up a huge nacho dish for family and friends. There was a great showing and the boys were exceptional hosts.

Friday brought training and breakfast before a day at swim beach. The boys were able to learn the skills of canoeing and kayaking, where most of them spent more time spinning in circles than going straight. They spent some time playing cricket, swimming and having lunch before it was time to pack up.

The camp was an enormous first one for the year 7 boys and was a great learning opportunity for them as they transition into the world of high school. All 14 Clontarf men attended the camp and all 14 were able to take something away to further benefit their schooling careers. They displayed Clontarf values at an appropriate level and it's exciting to see the development they will undertake in the years ahead.

Words by Tom O'Brien

Photos by Caleb Conder



