Mission Statement

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

• Started in 2000 with 25 participants.

• Believes that better education is fundamental to reducing Aboriginal disadvantage.

• Also believes that a high proportion of young Aboriginal men are ‘most at risk.’

• Uses the boys’ passion for football to attract young Aboriginal men to school and then keep them there.
The Clontarf Foundation:

• Uses participation in football as a way of raising self esteem and changing behaviour.

• Helps participants to develop life skills, confidence and a strong set of values

• Finds employment for those who complete the programme and then helps them to stay employed
What we believe

We believe that the inadequate education of Aboriginal males, coupled with a failure to instil within them an appropriate set of values, creates and drives a vicious cycle of disadvantage.
What we believe

The cycle of disadvantage

- High Cost • Fear
  - Disrespect
  - Intolerance

- Low Self Esteem
  - Alienation
  - Anger

- Anti-social Behaviour
  - Poverty
  - Crime
  - High Incarceration Rate

- Unemployed
  - Welfare Dependence

- Poor Education
  - Inappropriate Values
  - Limited Parenting

- Domestic Violence
  - Negative Parenting
  - Premature Parenting

- Poor Health
  - Alcoholism
  - Drug & Substance Abuse
  - Suicide
  - Low Life Expectancy

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What we believe

Disadvantage will transfer and increase from generation to generation as long as the ‘causes’ are allowed to persist.

While it is obviously necessary to address the effects through investment in health, housing, welfare and justice systems, the Clontarf Foundation works on “CLOSING THE GAP” by addressing the root causes which create and perpetuate the cycle.
Method of operation.

• Partner with schools.
  Create Clontarf Academies to attract and help keep young men at school.

• Staff with men.
  Employ full-time, locally-based and suitably trained staff to capture participants’ respect and trust.
Method of operation.

• Support and act as positive role models.
  Academy staff work full time at each school and provide continuous mentoring.

• Develop positive values and attitudes and improve self esteem.
  Participants are encouraged to think positively and learn about the value of better health, education, employment, lifestyles etc. They are also provided with new sporting and life challenges.
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Initiatives

Public speaking
Writing
Community service
Structured experiences
Problem solving
Team work

Leadership
Support beyond school

• Develop a ‘pathway to employment’ for each participant and assist him to obtain a meaningful ‘job of choice.’

• Continue mentoring.

Act like family and stay in their lives.
Clontarf Locations

In 2015 we have:

- 3,726 students
- In 68 schools
- In WA, NT, NSW, VIC & QLD
Clontarf has scale and is one of very few programmes that actually works.

**Attendance** > 80%
**Retention** > 90%
**Employment** > 75%

**RESULTS**

In 2014: 172 young men completed Year 12.
In 2015: 327 young men enrolled in Year 12
More than 75% will find jobs and keep them.
$7,500 per student place per year to deliver our holistic and intensive support programs

Funding is raised in equal portions from Federal government, state/territory government and the private sector

Our vision is to cater for 9,000 boys every year

Your support is invited to help us change the lives of these young men and break the cycle of disadvantage