

Paralowie Clontarf Academy

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FROM LITTLE THINGS
BIG THINGS
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ABOUT THE ACADEMY

The Paralowie Clontarf Academy was founded in 2021 and operates out of Paralowie R-12 School. It caters for students in Years 4 to 12 and currently has 40 boys engaged in the programme.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

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

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Term 2 has been another action-packed and rewarding term for the Paralowie Clontarf Academy, with a strong focus on connection, engagement, and celebrating success. Here are some of the highlights:

Morning Trainings with Tennis SA

Our early morning sessions continued to be a key part of the week, with fantastic engagement from the boys. A special thanks to Tennis SA, who ran a series of fun and skill-building clinics that added great variety to our training program.

Welcome Tyrone Milera!

We were thrilled to welcome Tyrone Milerato the Clontarf team this term. Tyrone brings great energy, experience, and connection to the community, and has already made a big impact with the boys.

Junior Camp to Berri

Our Year 7–9 students hit the road for a memorable camp to Berri, featuring a basketball carnival against other academies and water-based activities at Lake Bonney. From on-court competition to kayaking and spikeball, the boys embraced every opportunity and represented Paralowie with pride.

Junior Big Day Out

Our junior boys were also treated to a fantastic Big Day Out at Funtopia, where they tackled rock climbing, obstacle courses, and shared a pizza lunch in the park. A great day of bonding and living the Clontarf values.

Reconciliation Week

During Reconciliation Week, the Academy hosted painting workshops and invited staff to a special teacher lunch in the Academy Room. These activities were a powerful way for students and staff to reflect, connect, and learn together.

After-School Activities

Engagement in after-school activities remained strong throughout the term, with a mix of sports, games, and cultural sessions keeping the boys active and connected..

End of Term Incentive – Kartmania

To round off the term, boys who achieved 85% attendance or better were rewarded with a high-speed day at Kartmania Go Karts. The boys showed great sportsmanship on the track and were rewarded for their consistent efforts throughout the term.

Looking forward to continuing the momentum with more great progress in Term 3 and beyond!



Berri Basketball Camp

Our Year 7 and 8 Clontarf boys recently hit the road for an unforgettable two-day camp in Berri, packed with sport, mateship, and a good dose of fun.

The camp began with the group rolling out their swags in Berri with the Salisbury academy next door. After setting up camp, Day 1 launched into full swing with a competitive basketball carnival against other Clontarf academies. The energy was electric, with the boys showcasing their skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship on the court.

As the sun set, we wrapped up the day with a well-earned dinner at the local bistro. It was here that we took a moment to reflect on the day and celebrate the values we live by at Clontarf. The highlight of the evening was presenting the Clontarf Spirit Award, recognising the student who best embodied determination, leadership, and positive attitude throughout the day. A big congratulations to Chase Chaffey, a very deserving recipient!

Day 2 saw a change of pace and location, as we headed to the scenic Lake Bonney for some water-based adventures. The boys jumped into stand-up paddleboarding and kayaking, with many challenging themselves to try something new. The action didn't stop there—when they weren't on the water, they were locked in some intense and very competitive games of spikeball on the lake's edge.

We thank the Berri academy for hosting and look forward to making the trip down their again next year!





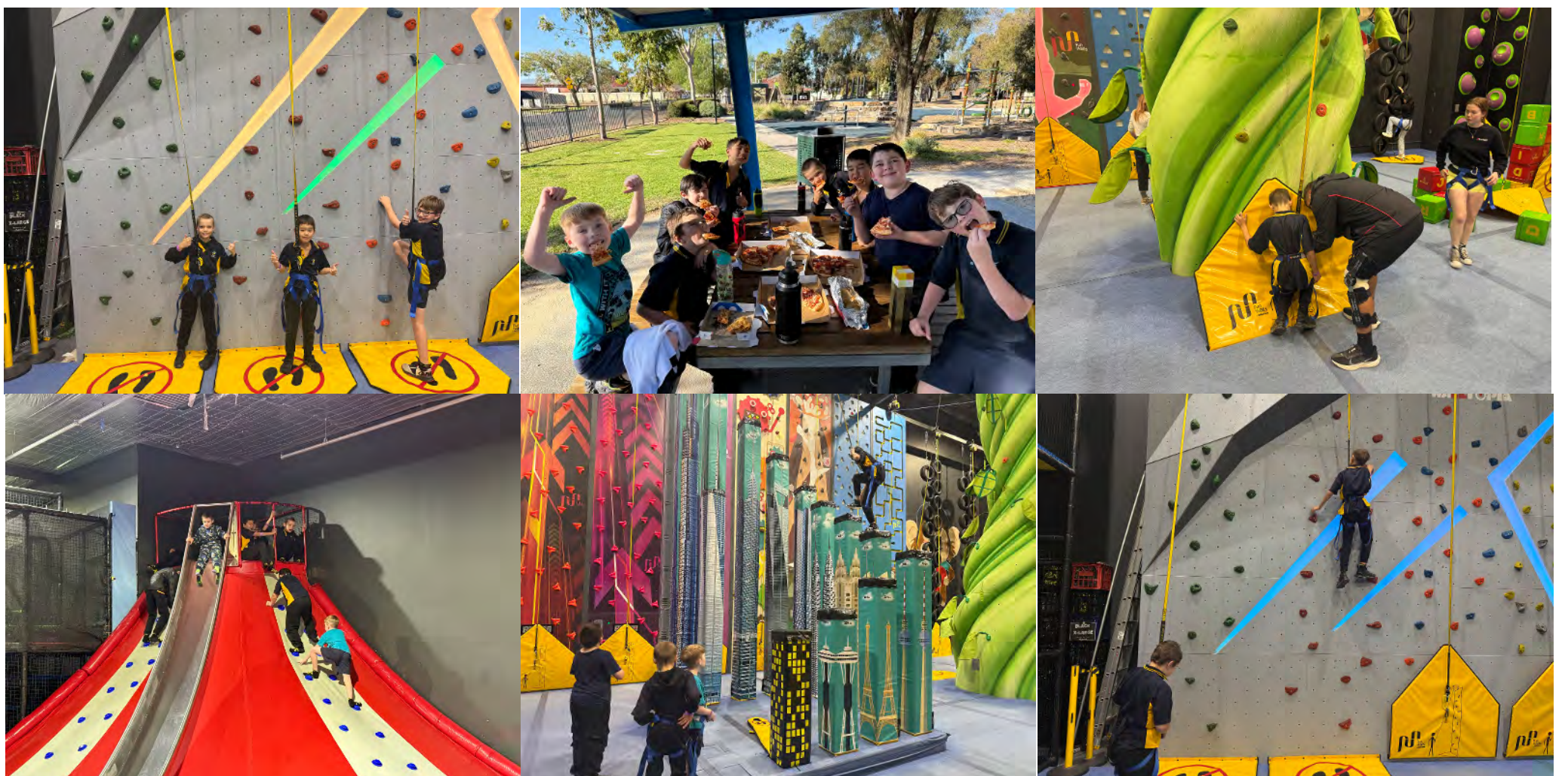
Year 4-5-6 Big Day Out

Our junior Clontarf lads were all smiles as they took part in the Junior Big Day Out! A full-day adventure designed to reward their hard work, positive behaviour, and commitment to the Clontarf Academy.

We kicked things off at Funtopia, an indoor wonderland where the boys tackled towering rock climbing walls, zipped through obstacle courses, and explored the massive adventure playground. For many of the boys, it was their first time climbing, and it was inspiring to see them face their fears, encourage each other, and give it their all. The facility was buzzing with laughter, teamwork, and a few friendly races up the climbing walls!

From there, the group headed to a nearby park where the fun continued. We shared a delicious pizza lunch under the trees, followed by some relaxed time with group games, footy, and plenty of banter. These moments allowed the boys to connect and form strong bonds.

More than just a day out, the Junior Big Day Out was about celebrating the values that define Clontarf. The way the boys supported each other throughout the day, whether helping someone up a climbing wall or sharing a laugh over lunch, was a powerful reminder of the strength of our Clontarf program at Paralowie.



Reconciliation & NAIDOC Week

As part of Reconciliation Week celebrations, the Clontarf Academy at Paralowie R-12 School hosted a powerful and engaging Indigenous painting workshop that brought students, friends, and teachers together in a shared cultural experience. The event invited Clontarf boys to bring a friend into the Academy, creating a unique opportunity for peer-to-peer learning. Together, they explored the meaning behind traditional Indigenous symbols and learned how to tell stories through artwork, a practice deeply rooted in Aboriginal culture. Guided by Clontarf staff, students created meaningful pieces that reflected both personal and community stories. Teachers also took part in the workshop, showing their support and willingness to learn alongside students. Their involvement further strengthened the sense of unity and respect that the event aimed to promote. This workshop was more than just an art activity; it was a celebration of culture, identity, and connection. It allowed the Clontarf boys to proudly educate others and contribute to the ongoing journey of reconciliation. Events like this highlight the importance of understanding and respecting Aboriginal culture within our school and the wider community. Our academy room has now been enhanced with a table painted by the students, which tells a great story through artwork about Clontarf in South Australia and how Paralowie Academy takes its place within the foundation as a whole. To round out the week, our boys hosted their favourite teachers in the Academy Room as we had a 'Favourite Teacher Good Bunch Lunch!'. We thank everyone who took the time to be involved and look forward to continuing to work in this space moving forward.

Following on from Reconciliation Week, to round out the term with a NAIDOC activity - the boys engaged in Kangaroo cooking and learning about the different forms of ways to cook and eat Kangaroo. These cultural activities have been a massive hit for our boys and we look forward to continuing to teach and grow their knowledge in this space.





Seniors Paintball Excursion

This term, the senior cohort of Paralowie Clontarf traded textbooks for paintball markers and headed off on an adrenaline-pumping excursion that brought strategy, teamwork, and plenty of laughter.

The much-anticipated paintballing trip took place in Kuitpo Forest, where students geared up in full combat attire and took to the field for a day of high-energy fun. The excursion was part of a series of end-of-term activities celebrating the achievements and camaraderie of our senior students.

Split into teams, the seniors faced off in a variety of fast-paced game scenarios, from Capture the Flag to Last Team Standing. The day was packed with spirited competition, muddy uniforms, and plenty of colorful splatters, all under the watchful eye of trained staff ensuring safety and fair play.

The paintballing day wasn't just about fun—though there was plenty of that—it also encouraged leadership, resilience, and quick decision-making, all valuable skills the seniors will take with them beyond Paralowie Clontarf.





85%+ Attendance End of Term Incentive Activity

To celebrate those students who achieved 85% or higher attendance this term, our Clontarf boys were treated to an action-packed day at Kartmania Go Karts for a well-earned reward for their commitment to showing up and giving their best at school.

The excitement was high as the boys suited up, strapped in, and hit the track. With engines roaring and a few friendly rivalries brewing, it was non-stop fun as the boys raced around the course, competing for bragging rights and personal bests. For many, it was their first time behind the wheel, and they rose to the challenge with confidence and enthusiasm. Following the time on the track, the boys had a round of Lazer Tag to round out the activities!

Beyond the thrill of racing, the day was a chance to reflect on the importance of routine, responsibility, and showing up. It was fantastic to see our young men rewarded for their efforts in a way that encouraged teamwork, fun, and continued engagement.

A huge shout-out to the boys who reached the attendance goal this term and we look forward to another awesome incentive day next term with more boys joining the fun!



Morning Trainings

Our morning training sessions have been a hit this term, with great energy and strong engagement from the boys. Whether it's hitting the gym, competing in multi-sport games, or getting involved in skill-based sessions with Tennis SA, the lads have shown real commitment to starting their days the right way.

A big highlight was a super training session at Ocean View College, where we joined forces with other Clontarf academies and welcomed a number of valued partners. The morning was filled with high energy, great competition, and a strong sense of community.

We also recently teamed up with the Salisbury and Berri Academies for another joint training session, giving the boys a chance to connect, compete, and represent their academies with pride.

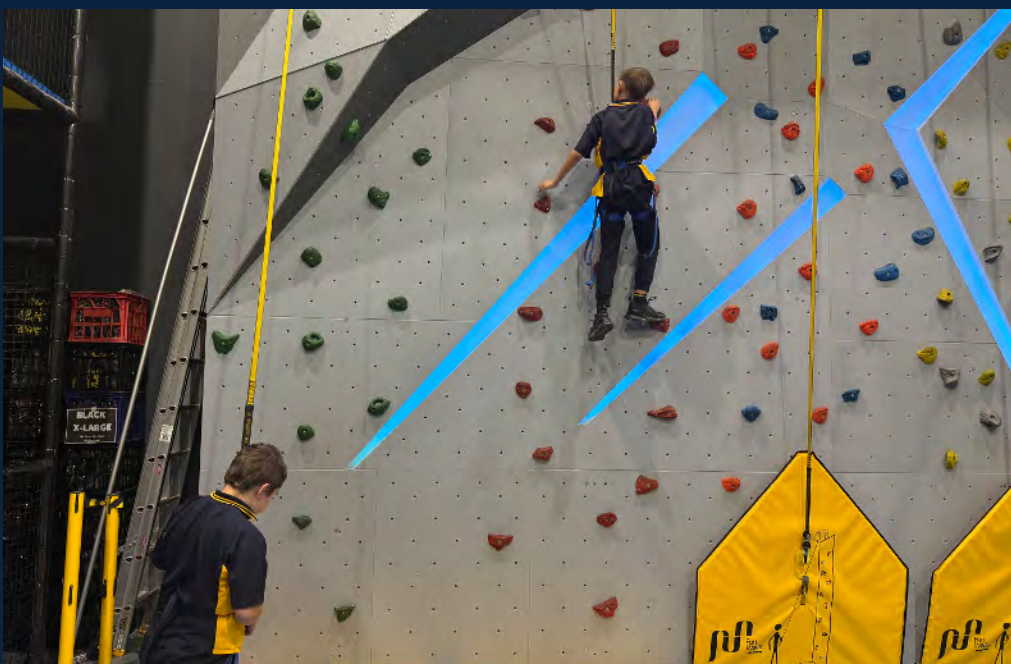
These sessions not only build fitness and skills. They also build routine, discipline, and mateship. Well done to all the boys for showing up and giving their best!



Term 3 Planner

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT | SUN |
|---------|---|---|---|--|--|-----|-----|
| WEEK 1 | 21 July Term 3 Starts Welcome back lunch | 22 Morning Training | 23 9:30AM @ Salisbury (Y10,11,12) Workabout Info Session | 24 Morning Training | 25 Good Bunch Lunch | 26 | 27 |
| WEEK 2 | 28 Masterchef Monday Contact Time 7/8/9/10 | 29 Morning Training | 30 ASA – Battle of the North 2:30 – 3:30pm @ Salisbury | 31 Morning Training Contact Time 4/5/6 | 1 August Good Bunch Lunch | 2 | 3 |
| WEEK 3 | 4 Masterchef Monday | 5 Morning Training | 6 ASA – Academy Games Championship Contact Time 7/8/9/10 | 7 Super Training @ Woodville 7am – 8am | 8 Good Bunch Lunch | 9 | 10 |
| WEEK 4 | 11 Masterchef Monday | 12 11/12 Employment Camp | 13 11/12 Employment Camp | 14 11/12 Employment Camp Forum 7:30am Breakfast 9:00am – 12:15pm Forum | 15 Good Bunch Lunch | 16 | 17 |
| WEEK 5 | 18 Masterchef Monday ASA – BDO Brief & Prep | 19 Morning Training Y 4 - 6 BIG DAY OUT | 20 ASA – Bowling Contact Time 7/8/9/10 | 21 Morning Training | 22 Headspace Session @ 12 Good Bunch Lunch | 23 | 24 |
| WEEK 6 | 25 ASA – Camp Brief & Prep | 26 Year 7 - 9 Camp Woodhouse | 27 Year 7 - 9 Camp Woodhouse | 28 Morning Training | 29 Good Bunch Lunch | 30 | 31 |
| WEEK 7 | 1 September Masterchef Monday Contact Time 7/8/9/10 | 2 Morning Training | 3 ASA – Battle of the North 2:30 – 3:30pm @ Paralowie | 4 Morning Training Contact Time 4/5/6 | 5 Headspace Session @ 12 Good Bunch Lunch | 6 | 7 |
| WEEK 8 | 8 Masterchef Monday | 9 Morning Training Contact Time 7/8/9/10 | 10 ASA – Carnival Prep Woolworths Welcome to Country | 11 10/11/12 Metro Footy Carnival (Paralowie Hosting) | 12 Year 10/11/12 Big Day Out W.S.V – Big W X Golf?? | 13 | 14 |
| WEEK 9 | 15 Masterchef Monday | 16 Morning Training Contact Time 7/8/9/10 | 17 Contact Time 4/5/6 ASA – EOTIA Brief & Prep | 18 Morning Training End of Term Incentive Activity - 85%+ VR GAMING | 19 Good Bunch Lunch | 20 | 21 |
| WEEK 10 | 22 Masterchef Monday | 23 Morning Training | 24 Director's In-Person PD | 25 Morning Training | 26 Term 3 Ends Good Bunch Lunch | | |

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