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the issue

Teenaged Aboriginal males:-

- Have a life expectancy of 55 years
- Are 3.5 times more likely to die of injury than non-Aboriginals
- Are 22 times more likely to be imprisoned
- Have truancy rates of about 45%
- Leave school prematurely (start leaving school at age 9)
- Exhibit high levels of drug, alcohol and substance abuse
- Engage in antisocial behaviour which often leads to crime

what's being done

The Foundation has more than 700 young men actively engaged in secondary education at Academies in Perth, Kalgoorlie, Geraldton, Maddington, Albany, Broome, Kununurra, Bunbury, Esperance and Alice Springs.

the results

At the schools where the Clontarf Foundation operates:-

- Post compulsory enrolments are up by 400%
- Attendance rates are comparable with non Indigenous students
- 75% of our graduates are in full time work

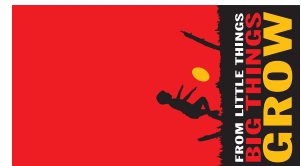
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\$14 per day
is a small price to pay
to give someone a future.

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“The education of Indigenous Australians, particularly Indigenous youth, is the key to overcoming disadvantage in other areas such as health, life expectancy, employment, living conditions and self-esteem.”

Sir William Deane,
18 May 2001



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The Clontarf Foundation is an incorporated not-for-profit organisation which has deductible gift recipient (DGR) and tax concession charity (TCC) status.

Its core business is engaging and supporting young Indigenous men in mainstream education until they complete Year 12 and then assisting them to find employment.

The Foundation achieves its outcomes using Australian Rules Football. Football Academies are established in partnership with mainstream schools and young Indigenous men between the ages of 13 and 18 are encouraged to enrol in these. Members of an Academy are provided with high quality coaching, specialist physical conditioning, health education and mentoring in life skills while the school caters for their educational needs.

Despite the fact that Clontarf only operates in 1% of Western Australia's schools, almost 25% of the State's Indigenous male Year 12 students are enrolled in its programmes.

A young person's life prospects are influenced profoundly by their education and in particular by whether or not they complete Year 12. Indigenous boys start disengaging from school at aged 9, and most leave school before aged 15. Consequently many have poor levels of numeracy and literacy, and hence are poorly equipped to participate in modern society. This in turn can give rise to low self esteem leading to boredom, anger, despair, substance abuse and antisocial behaviour.

The impacts on the community of this 'cycle of despair' are significant. Higher welfare and health costs, higher crime rates and breakdown in social cohesion all result.

The cost to the community is many hundreds of times more than the \$14 per day it costs the Clontarf Foundation to keep a boy at school.

Although keeping a boy at school until Year 12 enhances his life outcomes the overall impact is even more significant.

People who complete their secondary education encourage their children to do likewise, so the benefits flow from one generation to the next.

funding

Approximately 40% of funding is provided by business and private benefactors. This is important because it gives the Clontarf Foundation independence and assists in finding employment for graduates.

the future

The programme is recognised, Australia wide, as being innovative and one that works. The Clontarf Foundation has been invited to set up new Academies throughout Australia and will do so as sufficient funds become available. The aim is to have more than 2000 young men involved with the programme within four years.

learn more

If you are interested in learning more about the Clontarf Foundation or how you can help wipe out this 'cycle of despair' within your own community, contact:
The Clontarf Foundation on (08) 9458 7122.



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