

Berkeley Vale Clontarf Academy

Clontarf Newsletter

Term 3 2025



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ABOUT THE ACADEMY

The Berkeley Vale Clontarf Academy was founded in 2024 and operates out of Berkeley Vale Campus as part of Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College. It caters for students in Years 7 to 10 and currently has 67 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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Message from the Director

Term 3 was another huge and successful term for the Berkeley Vale Clontarf Academy, filled with opportunities both on and off the field.

One of the big highlights was the Ross Kelly Cup, where we joined forces with our mates from Tumby Umbi Academy to compete against Academies from all across New South Wales. The boys represented themselves with pride and showed plenty of teamwork and Clontarf spirit throughout the carnival.

Our camps across the term were another major highlight, with visits to some great places including Stockton and Swansea. For our Year 7 and 8 boys, an educational tour of the Wollotuka Institute at Newcastle University gave them the chance to learn about future study and career opportunities, which was a real eye-opener.

Throughout the term, we also enjoyed plenty of primary school visits, giving us the chance to connect with younger students in the community. These visits were a big success, and we're looking forward to doing a few more in Term 4.

Another exciting opportunity was a visit to the Newcastle Knights Centre of Excellence, where the boys got to see how an NRL team trains and prepares each week. It was an inspiring experience that showed what discipline and commitment at the highest level look like.

Looking ahead, Term 4 is shaping up to be massive. Our Year 10 Gold Coast Camp is coming up, and we'll be celebrating the achievements of all our boys at our Academy Awards Night in Week 6 on the Wednesday.

Term 3 has been one to remember, and we're excited to finish the year strong in Term 4.

Matthew Kiddle - Berkeley Vale Clontarf Academy Director



Berkeley Vale and Tumbi Umbi Students Compete in the Ross Kelly Cup

Year 9 and 10 students from Berkeley Vale and Tumbi Umbi Clontarf Academies proudly joined forces to take part in the Ross Kelly Cup, a prestigious rugby league carnival that unites Clontarf Academies from across New South Wales.

Hosted at the Central Coast Sporting Complex, the tournament brought together talented players from around the state, all striving to test themselves against the best and represent their academies with pride. The competition on the field was fierce, with every team determined to leave their mark.

But the real highlight of the day wasn't just the footy — it was the way the boys carried themselves both on and off the field. Their teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship stood out, reflecting the strong values of the Clontarf Foundation.

As part of the camp, the boys also attended a state dinner alongside members from every Clontarf Academy in New South Wales. This special evening gave them the chance to celebrate their achievements, build new friendships, and connect with their peers from across the state.

The Ross Kelly Cup was more than a rugby league competition. It was about building connections, strengthening friendships, and showcasing what it means to embody the Clontarf spirit. Both academies left the experience proud of the way they represented themselves and their communities.





Year 7 and 8 Boys Kick Goals on Sport Camp

The Year 7 and 8 boys from Berkeley Vale Clontarf Academy recently enjoyed an action-packed sports camp, staying at Swansea Caravan Park and taking part in a range of exciting activities designed to build teamwork, confidence and connection.

Over the course of the camp, the group tried their hand at Disc Golf, showed off their skills on the Putt Putt course, and capped off the experience with a special visit to the Newcastle Knights Centre of Excellence. The trip gave the boys a chance to challenge themselves, learn new skills and share plenty of laughs along the way.

The camp also included a valuable wellbeing check-in activity, where the boys reflected on their own health, goals and challenges. This provided an opportunity for open discussion and helped strengthen the supportive environment that Clontarf prides itself on.

A highlight for many was the tour of the Knights' state-of-the-art facilities, where the boys got a glimpse of what life is like for elite athletes. The visit provided inspiration and a reminder of the rewards that come from hard work, discipline and teamwork.

The camp also gave the students valuable time together outside of the classroom, strengthening friendships and reinforcing the Clontarf values of respect, leadership and resilience.

Berkeley Vale Clontarf Academy staff praised the boys for the way they conducted themselves throughout the camp, noting their enthusiasm, teamwork and willingness to have a go at everything on offer. A special thank you goes to Mr Robinson for joining the camp and supporting the boys throughout the experience.





Year 7/8 Gamers Camp Was Out Of This World

The Year 7 and 8 boys from Berkeley Vale Clontarf Academy recently took part in their much-anticipated Gamers Camp, an action-packed three days designed to combine fun, teamwork, and a glimpse into future opportunities.

The group kicked things off with a visit to Unreal VR, where they immersed themselves in virtual worlds and tested their gaming skills. On Thursday morning, the boys explored history and culture at the Newcastle Museum, before heading off for a big game of laser tag that kept the competitive spirit alive.

A key highlight of the camp was the visit to the Wollotuka Institute at Newcastle University, where the boys explored career pathways and possibilities after school. This experience gave them valuable insight into the opportunities available through further education.

The camp was based at Stockton Surf Club, where the boys enjoyed playing on the beach and building friendships outside the classroom. They also made the most of the coastal setting with a walk down the Newcastle Breakwall, taking in the fresh air and ocean views.

Staff praised the boys for their enthusiasm and positive attitude throughout the camp. A special thank you goes to Mr Malliaros for attending and supporting the boys during the experience.

The camp not only provided plenty of fun but also helped strengthen the group's teamwork, leadership, and sense of direction for life beyond school.



Clontarf Boys visit the Glen To Learn About Stories and Healing

A group of Clontarf boys recently visited The Glen to learn more about the important work the centre does in the community.

During the visit, the boys had the opportunity to meet some of the men in the program and hear their personal stories. These conversations gave the boys a powerful insight into the challenges people face and the strength it takes to make positive changes in life.

The group also got to see how The Glen operates, the services they provide, and the support networks available for those taking part in the program.

Afterwards, the boys and The Glen members enjoyed some friendly competition, facing off in games of touch footy and beach volleyball. There was plenty of laughter and energy on the field and sand, with everyone having a great time. The day wrapped up by sharing a meal together, creating a strong sense of connection between the groups.

It was an eye-opening and enjoyable experience that encouraged the boys to reflect on their own choices and futures, while building respect for the resilience and courage shown by The Glen's members.

A big thank you goes to Dylan for organising the visit and making this valuable experience possible for the boys.



Upcoming Events

Week 1

- Students return Tuesday 14th Oct
- Morning Training commences
- Year 6 Koori Games

Week 2

- Ngura Program

Week 3

- Year 7 End of Year Reward Camp

Week 4

- Beach Oztag Carnival in Newcastle

Week 5

- Regional Table Tennis Tournament
- Year 8/9 End of Year Reward Camp

Week 6

- End of Year Award Ceremony - Wednesday 19th November

Week 7

- Primary School Visits

Week 8

- Year 10 Gold Coast Camp

Week 9

- BVC Grease Musical

Week 10

- Last day of School Term Friday 19th December

Term 3 Top Attenders

The following boys achieved 90% attendance or above in Term 3.

Year 7

Tamen A
Brax D
Spencer D
Kye G
Mason M
Jackson MB
Taniora R
Noah R
Hendrix SA
Alex S
Hunter WD

Year 8

Charlie H
Will K
Harry R
Cameron S

Year 9

Kayleb G

Year 10

Daniel B
Jayden C
Kai F
Ethan P
John T



Term 3 Attendance

We had an average attendance of 79% for Term 3.

40 Boys were above 80%

Year 7 - 81%

Year 8 - 77%

Year 9 - 73%

Year 10 - 78%



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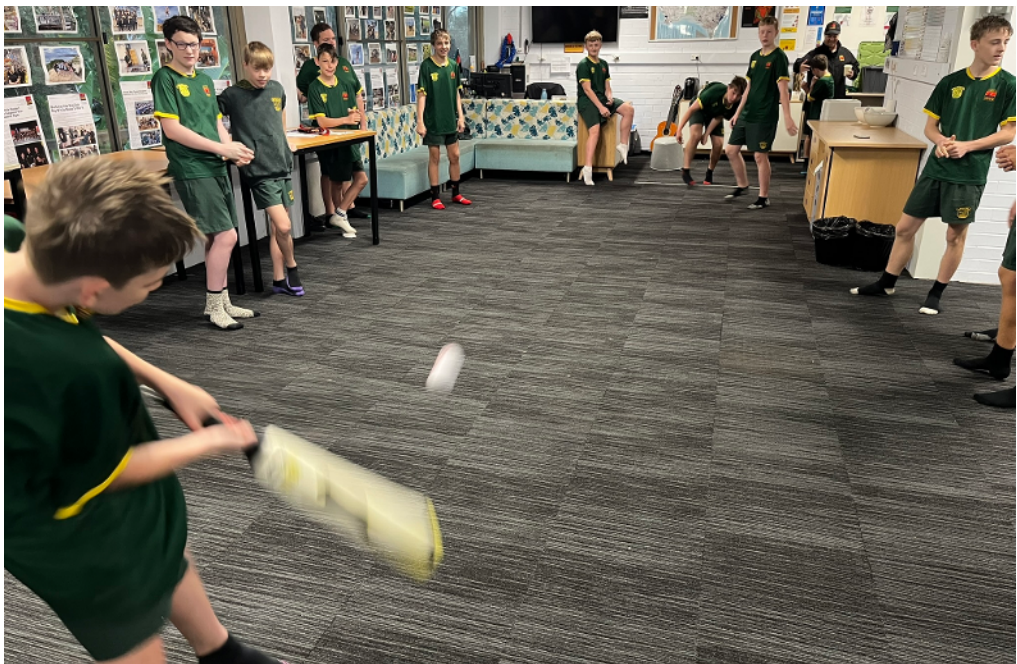
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Photos From Term 3



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