



First Nations – supporting education outcomes Clontarf Foundation

The Australian Government will provide funding for the Clontarf Foundation to extend their program for the 2024 school year.

Extending the Foundation's program by a further year will support up to 12,500 First Nations boys and young men to improve their confidence, school engagement, Year 12 attainment, and post-school pathways.

Why is this important?

Programs that support educational engagement and pathways to further education and employment are critical to retention and longer-term success of First Nations students.

Clontarf has been successful in improving student wellbeing, lifting attendance, increasing retention, and supporting engagement with further education and employment.

In 2021, Clontarf achieved an 89 per cent Year 12 attainment rate, and 88 per cent of 2019 Year 12 graduates remained in jobs or engaged in further education after 12 months.

Support for the Clontarf Foundation program contributes to the Government's efforts to close the gap in Year 12 attainment (Closing the Gap Target 5).

Who will benefit?

More First Nations boys and young men will benefit through support to improve wellbeing, discipline, life skills, self-esteem, further education, and employment prospects.

Schools and students will benefit from this program, with Clontarf operating more than 140 academies across Australia and supporting up to 12,500 First Nations students.

How much will it cost?

The Government will provide \$32.8 million to support a one-year extension of services delivered by the Clontarf Foundation in the 2024 school year.