



### **FROM OUR DIRECTOR CLIFF 'POSS' SAMPSON**

## **Hello to Everyone in our Irrawang Clontarf Community,**

Myself and Luke would like to keep you all up to date and give everyone a quick snapshot of our great start to the Year with the boys through our Term 1 newsletter, there's heaps of info about what's been happening in the Academy room, at school and in the wider community with the boys.

Our thoughts are with you all through this current Covid-19 pandemic and hope that you all stay safe and healthy and look forward to seeing you all soon.

**Remember** to heed the warnings and isolate as we hope for the best outcomes for us all!

# Welcome Back

## Breakfast for our Teachers & Staff

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February our Academy held a **Welcome Back Breakfast** for all Irrawang High Schools Teachers and Staff. Denzel and Antwone jumped on the bbq and cooked bacon and eggs, Nicko and Elijah took the toast duties while Izac, Ethan, Dre and Seany served and hosted all of the teachers. The morning was a great opportunity for the boys to show off our Academy room and allow teachers to better understand what Clontarf is all about and what happens daily, weekly and throughout the term. At the end of the morning all the staff left not only amazed with our set up of the room and what we do but also with how confident and proud the lads are of their Academy.





# Year 7

## Activity

**Year 7 Families BBQ meet and greet** was held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon and it was great to have our new families come along to see our Academy Room and find out what Clontarf is all about. Both Poss and Luke loved sitting down to a bbq dinner and getting to know the boys and families a little better.



**Year 7 Induction Camp 2020:** This year's camp was held just around the corner in the beautiful Anna Bay. Day 1 saw the lads excited for the camp and first stop was Foot Golf where the boys ripped into booting the soccer ball in two groups Bats V's Roos with the Bats coming out on top. Following the game it was onto Birubi Beach where the boys had lunch and spent the afternoon playing games and having a dip in the water. That evening the boys had a cook up of spaghetti bolognese, listened to a chat from Poss in regards to Clontarf and what is expected from them and they experienced their first Clontarf swag roll out at the Anna Bay Scout Hall where we stayed over night. Day 2 it was up early and into some bacon and egg wraps before heading out for the day Sand Boarding on Birubi Dunes. All in all it was a phenomenal camp with great young men.





# Clean

## Up Australia Day 2020



The Irrawang Academies first ever **Clean up Australia Day** was an absolute fantastic morning. 20 boys flocked the Hunter River Banks and did their part for the community by cleaning up in the drizzling rain. Many by passers were very appreciative of the boys efforts with one even going out of her way to call the school and tell the office what a great job the young men had done. We now cannot wait for next years clean up to make it a bigger and better day. Special thank you to Paul Ryan and Jenni and Allan for giving their time during the morning.





# Year 10

## Activity



### **Employment Visit Bunnings Heatherbrae:**

26<sup>th</sup> February saw our Year 10 lads have a great Employment Visit to Bunnings Heatherbrae. The boys were toured through the facility by Bunnings Events Organiser Louise Hall. Louise covered all departments of operation and then spoke with the boys at depth about their employment process and how work experience works with their business. The boys said it was a great experience.



### **Year 10 Leadership Camp:**

In week 6 the Year 10 lads took part in a Leadership Camp where they volunteered at Soul Café Newcastle. The boys helped out in the kitchen and served meals to the homeless and less fortunate. That Afternoon the 5 boys were given a budget to go to the supermarket and shop for the nights dinner. They then cooked a beautiful meal. Later that night it was off to the movies. Day 2 was Go Karting time with Kacey showing everyone up even with a broken kart. Lunch time was fish and chips down by the harbour side in Newcastle while Poss gave the boys a great talk about leadership within our Academy.





# Academy



## Room Activity Term 1





# Cancelled Events



Unfortunately the below Carnivals for Year 8/9 and Year 11/12 were cancelled because of policies set in place by the NSW Department of Education due to COVID-19.

**INVERELL ACADEMY**

## YEAR 8 & 9 TOUCH FOOTBALL CARNIVAL



**Inverell Sporting Complex**  
**Week 8**  
**Thursday 19th March 2020**

**DINNER AND OPENING OF**  
**CARNIVAL ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH**  
**AT INVERELL SPORTIES CLUB**

**PLEASE CONTACT**  
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## Senior Regional Challenge

Coast v Bush | Country v City | East v West

*Who will come out on top?*

**Wednesday 8th April 2020 | 10.00am - 4.00pm**  
**Macquarie University Sports Fields (Macquarie Park NSW)**