

Tumbi Umbi Clontarf Academy

Clontarf Newsletter

Term 1, 2025



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ABOUT THE ACADEMY

The Tumbi Umbi Clontarf Academy was founded in 2024 and operates out of Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College - Tumbi Umbi Campus. It caters for students in Years 7 to 10 and currently has 51 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 4 ACADEMY ATTENDANCE

87%

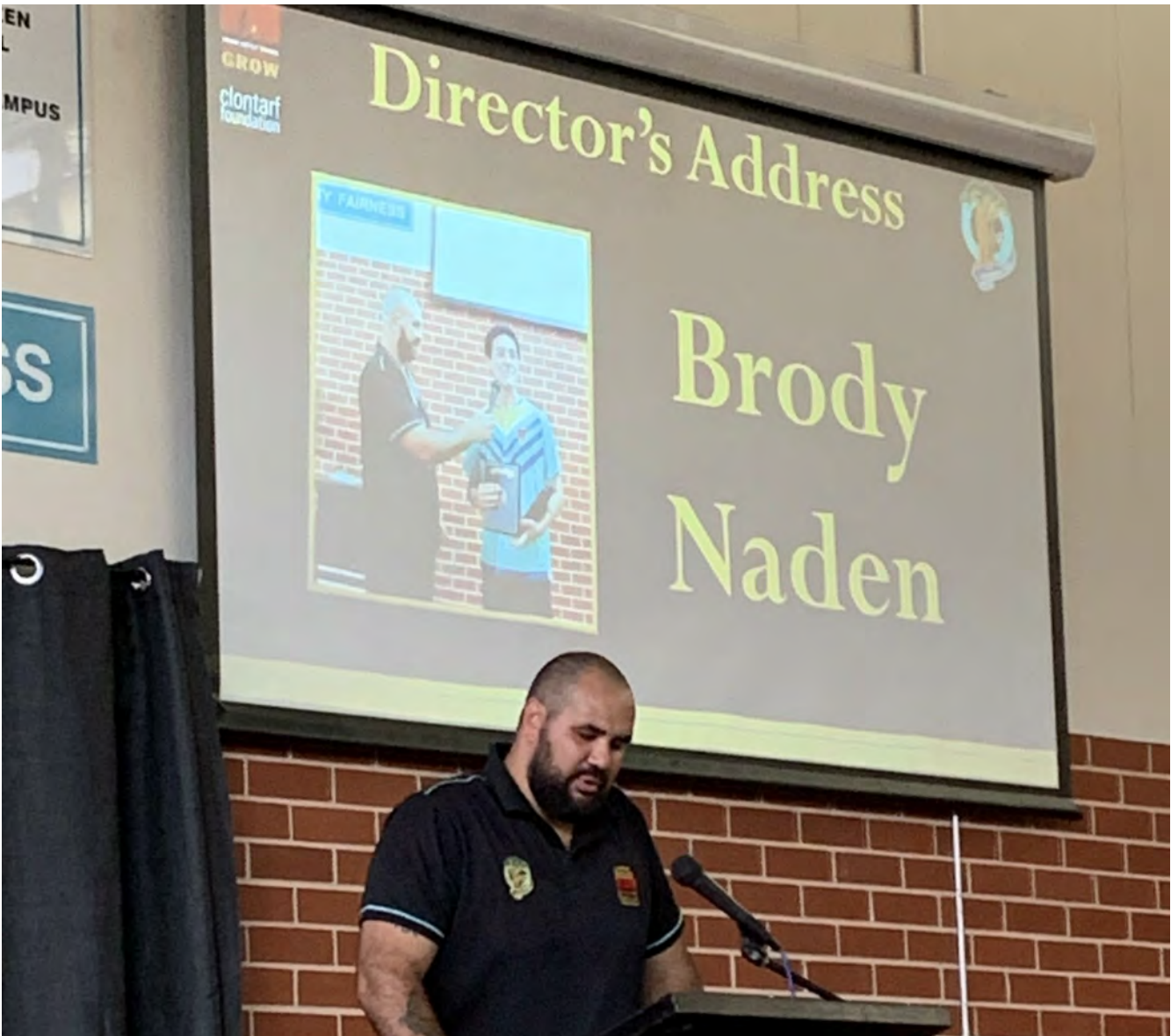
ATTENDANCE BREAKDOWN

YEAR 7 - 94%

YEAR 8 - 85%

YEAR 9 - 87%

YEAR 10 - 84%



Message from the Director

Tumbi Umbi Academy has had a fantastic start to the year. We currently have 51 academy members voluntarily registered and engaging with the programme. Tumbi Umbi Clontarf Academy has achieved 87% average attendance in Term 1.

School attendance is highly important to educational attainment, retention of students, and developing healthy habits. It also supports building employment related skills such as reliability, organisation, punctuality, the ability to follow instructions and working as part of a team. Further, it is crucial in feeling connected to the community, socialising with peers, developing confidence and positive well-being.

There have been a number of highlights for the Tumbi Umbi Academy this term, and plenty of opportunities for academy members to engage in positive activities, camps and extra curricular activities.

These Term 1 highlights have been:

- Induction Camp
- Caves Beach Camp
- Year 10 Leadership Camp
- Morning Trainings
- Afternoon Activities
- Regional Carnivals
- All Staff Breakfast
- Health Sessions
- Worksite Visits
- Regional Opening

We thank you for your ongoing support of the Clontarf Foundation and our young men. Please enjoy the following more detailed accounts and photos of the experiences our young men enjoyed this term.

We're looking forward to Term 2, and the enriching opportunities that will be available for academy members.

Regards,
Brody



Central Coast Region Officially Opens

On the 28th March, The Clontarf Foundation celebrated the official opening of the Central Coast Region at Wadalba Community School.

This expansion has introduced seven academies in the area: Berkeley Vale Academy, Northlakes Academy, The Entrance Academy, Toronto Academy, Tumbi Umbi Academy, Wadalba Academy, and Wyong Academy.

The opening seen many special guests. From families, school staff, local MPs, Partners, AECG Members, Clontarf Board Members and many more.

It was a great celebration of all Clontarf Academies and the great work we have all achieved so far into our journey. Everyone should be very proud of their efforts!

As you can see below, The boys were dressed to impress. And Impress they did!

All boys participated in the regional super training at The Entrance Campus in the morning. Following super training the boys took a quick dip at the Entrance Ocean Baths before having showers and getting dressed in their full kit. The boys were so well behaved and respectful of the public. The school later received this email.

"I would like to express congratulations to the group of boys from your school who were at The Entrance Ocean Baths on the morning of Friday 28th March. I was very impressed by their behaviour and their respect for one another. They wore their uniforms with pride. I am retired school teacher so I make this affirmation with sincere conviction. Well done boys and the staff who work with them."

All academy members should be tremendously proud of themselves!



Year 10 Leadership Camp

The Year 10 Leadership Camp was an enriching and impactful experience for all participants, offering a blend of outdoor activities, personal growth sessions, and a meaningful contribution to the community. The camp was designed not just to develop leadership skills but also to promote teamwork, responsibility, and an understanding of future pathways.

The students participated in Clean Up Australia Day activities at Berkeley Vale, a Worksite Visit at Rebel Sport, Well-being presentation by Pete Mata'utai from Kaiz3n. Followed by completing their Year 10 graduation employment pathway plans.

The Year 10 Leadership Camp was a wonderful opportunity for students to step out of their comfort zones, develop new skills, and reflect on their future goals. It was a time of personal growth, community contribution, and setting a positive foundation for the years ahead.





Academy Members put down the footballs and picked up the tongs

On Thursday, February 20th, the Clontarf Academy held it's all-staff breakfast. This event provided a wonderful opportunity for our boys to invite staff members down for a delicious cooked breakfast before they began their busy day. It also allowed the boys to show staff around our academy room.

The boys arrived early to cook bacon and eggs on the BBQ and to prepare refreshing fruit platters, ensuring everyone had a great start to their day.

It was amazing for the staff to see the effort the boys had put in, and it was equally rewarding to witness how helpful the boys were with cooking, greeting staff, and, of course, the big cleanup afterward. The event showcased the valuable skills the boys have been developing through their time at Clontarf, including those learned at our camps and within the Clontarf space.

A massive thanks goes to All-staff who attended and made this a great morning for all, we also thank you for all your ongoing help and support.



Caves Beach Camp

It was time for our Year 8 and 9 students to venture off on their first camp of the year. We made our way up to Caves Beach and were fortunate enough to stay at the Surf Club. Unfortunately, due to the wild weather caused by Cyclone Alfred, the surf was too big and rough for swimming. Instead, we had a great time playing a big game of beach footy, which was a fantastic way to see the competitive spirit and energy of the students in action.

The next day, we planned a scavenger hunt at Blackbutt Wildlife Park, followed by another one at Newcastle Foreshore. We split into two teams and went our separate ways to finish the hunt. Once the time was up, we sat down to compare answers and photos—it was an awesome way to explore the Newcastle area. Later that day, due to the bad weather, we took the boys to the movies to relax and unwind after a busy morning.

Friday arrived, and the day started with packing up and cleaning the Surf Club, with the boys all chipping in to make the job easier. We then headed to laser tag, where the boys were all in for three very competitive games. The energy was high, and everyone gave it their all. We finished up by unpacking the bus back at school and dropping the boys off at home. It was such a fun camp, and everyone left with great memories



Upcoming Events in Term 2

Week 1

- **Welcome back lunch**
- **Presentation** - Term Brief

Week 3

- **Year 7 & 8 Rugby League Carnival**

Week 5

- **Regional Table Tennis Competition**

Week 6

- **National PD** - Brad & Brody Out

Week 7

- **Top Trainers Camp**

Week 9

- **Super Training**
- **Employment Forum**

Week 10

- **Top Attenders Camp**

Tumbi Umbi Academy Top Attenders of Term 1

Academy Members with
Attendance 90% or Higher!

Year 7

Lachlan.G
Billy.L
Tate.M
Izac.R
Kaleb.T
Nate.T

Year 9

Brock.B
Tyren.E
Kade.G
Zachary.J
Mason.L
Hamysh.P
Tyson.W

Year 8

Jakob.C
Beau.H
Ethan.M
Zepplin.M
Max.W

Year 10

Jordi.C
Owen.C
Will.
Jayden.H
Noah.H
Taj.P
Ayden.W



Photos from Term 1

