



Clontarf Football Academy

In 2009, I am very keen to try and increase awareness of, and help raise money for, the Clontarf Football Academy. It is a fantastic initiative that builds confidence and self esteem in young indigenous men and woman, while offering quality education and employment opportunities. I will be donating 5% of all prize money earned in 2009 to the Clontarf Academy.

My wife and her family are proud descendants the Yamatji people and my mother-in-law is a tireless and selfless worker for the rights, empowerment and justice of indigenous people.

One great thing about sport is that it is a great leveller. By observing global sports such as athletics, soccer and boxing, it is obvious that people from the hardest and toughest upbringings are able to draw upon a strong spirit and achieve brilliant results (ie Kenyan runners, Brazilian Soccer Players). The first step towards such success though, is opportunity. The Clontarf Academy provides this opportunity and I am sure that their positive initiatives can help bring greater pride, empowerment and satisfaction to indigenous Australians.

The statistics and data coming out of the programme are extremely impressive and I encourage you to visit their website <http://www.clontarffootball.com>. If you can make a donation <http://www.clontarffootball.com/img/File/12171ClontarfDonationDL.pdf> that would be fantastic, otherwise it is great just to visit the site to get an idea of the positive work being done at Clontarf Football Academy.

Best Regards
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