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NSW BUDGET: BOOST TO LIFE-CHANGING PROGRAM

The life-changing benefits provided to Aboriginal students via a unique education and sport based engagement program will be significantly boosted under a \$3.75 million grant contained in the 2018-19 NSW Budget.

The grant will support the Clontarf Foundation as it works to improve education, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects for young Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islanders.

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the money will provide up to 1000 additional places and help expand the program into more schools across NSW.

“This is a national program operating in more than 20 NSW schools and already helping around 1800 Aboriginal students,” Mr Perrottet said.

“The Clontarf program has proved to be a unique and highly effective initiative and is making an enormous and lasting difference in the lives of many young people.”

“Through its emphasis on education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem and employment Clontarf Academies are enabling students to experience achievement and build their future.”

This year around 150 Clontarf students are undertaking HSC studies in Year 12 with more than 230 in Year 11.

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Sarah Mitchell said Clontarf provided a structured program to set people up for success both at school and when entering the workforce.

“Of the graduates of the Class of 2018, more than 80 per cent are predicted to be immersed in employment or further study in the following year,” Ms Mitchell said.

“Through the motivation and encouragement of their academy, Clontarf students are recording strong attendance rates and actively engage in their education.”

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