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# Tradies, Clontarf and Culture

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For this year's Partner Experience, we had special guests from the Sutherland District Trade Union Club (Tradies) in Sydney.

**Tradies is a great supporter of Clontarf and the Central Region were excited to host staff members in Alice Springs.**

CSC Academy organised a cultural camp out at Black Tank Outstation, 85km North East of Alice Springs so the Tradies crew could get a sense of what we do here and how we utilise the oldest living culture in the world to improve the mental and physical health of our students. When these two aspects of life are good for our students, we see great improvements and strong performances in their academic journey.

Out at Black Tank, students from Yirara, CMS and CSC academies came together with our partners for some two way cultural learning, making traditional bush medicines and clapping sticks. It was great watching our young men interact with the Tradies staff, working together in the activities.

All of our guests were very respectful and open to conversations which allowed our fellas to feel comfortable to share their stories. This is very important given the stigma than can follow young Aboriginal males and we are proud they were able to showcase their true selves to people they had only just met.

Our fellas will remember the camp and our friends from Tradies for a long time and will cherish the time spent sharing stories, laughing around the camp fire and sleeping out under the stars in the swags.

We want to say a big thank you to everyone at Tradies for their ongoing support of Clontarf but also to each individual person who made the trip and engaged so respectfully and personally with all of our fellas.

CSC Academy looks forward to the day we can visit Tradies in Sydney.

