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Clontarf Foundation boys were miners for a day

Twenty-Seven boys from Katanning, Bunbury, Coodanup, Gilmore and Collie were miners for a day at Premier Coal Mine, as part of the site's partnership with the Clontarf Foundation.

Donning high-vis and safety gear, the boys were taken on a tour of the mobile workshop and into the open cut pit to experience life at the coalface and to gain an insight into a possible future career in the resources sector.

Premier Coal Operations Manager Jim Falconer welcomed the opportunity to show off the mine and demonstrate the range of trades and opportunities available.

"The Clontarf Foundation play a positive and active role in the community running a program that assists young boys to achieve through education and opportunities.

"You can see the boys are developing solid skills on the program through education, mentoring and their peer support. We are proud to be involved with the Clontarf team and pleased we can offer a hands-on experience to open their minds to a possible career in mining.

"Our team get a lot from having the boys on site and we are strongly committed to ongoing support and involvement with the Clontarf Foundation," said Jim.

The boys were hosted by three of Premier Coal's indigenous workforce who shared their experiences and what journeys they took to get to where they are now. The boys then had the opportunity to ask questions and hear about the Premier Coal Apprenticeship Program.

Boyd Davey from Newton Moore Academy said, "It was a great day for the boys to see what employment opportunities are in the region and to build their social skills. On the ride home, one of our boys expressed he is interested in pursuing some work experience."

Matt Rea from The Katanning Academy said, "The Katanning boys absolutely loved the visit. It's not often they get the chance to visit a mine site let alone observe the size of the equipment. It was a great experience and they talked about it all the way home."

Yancoal is a national sponsor of The Clontarf Foundation via its Community Support Program, aiming to make a positive difference in the communities and lives of the people who work and live in the areas it operates.

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