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# Media Release:

## Clontarf Foundation boys lend their green thumbs

Chatham High School students were not only miners for a day but also loaned their green thumbs for some tree planting at Yancoal Australia's Stratford Coal Mine.

Six students and two teachers took part in the day, as part of the site's partnership with the Clontarf Foundation.

The day began with the students putting high-vis and safety gear on for a site tour to experience life at the coalface and gain an insight into a possible future career in the resources sector. Following lunch and a chat with site representatives, the students got their hands dirty and planted around 500 trees.

Stratford Coal Operations Manager John Cullen welcomed the opportunity to have the students onsite.

"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.

"We were pleased we could educate the students on the mining process, our operation and coal production as well as answer questions about a possible career in mining.

"The boys were also able to be part of our bigger biodiversity offset program to plant 70,000 trees per year, which was fantastic.

"Our team get a lot out of having the Clontarf boys onsite and we look forward to working with the foundation in the future on other opportunities," said John.

Clontarf Foundation, Chatham High School Academy Director, Jeremy Long said, "All the boys enjoyed the experience at the mine site, with a few keen to further work experience in the future. Days like this are vital to inspiring our young men and getting them thinking about their future."

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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