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Being immersed in mining for a day was a welcome break from the classroom for a group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students this week.

Year 10 students from the Clontarf Foundation's Wellington Academy took part in the immersive *Miner for a Day* program, which included a guided tour of Moolarben Coal and its workshops. The visit gave students a behind-the-scenes look at an operational mine and the diverse career pathways the mining industry offers.

The day also celebrated the long-standing partnership between Yancoal and the Clontarf Foundation, a collaboration that supports young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men through education, life skills, and meaningful employment opportunities.

Students were welcomed with a site overview before touring the mine to see first-hand how operations are managed. The visit concluded with a BBQ lunch, giving students the chance to connect with Moolarben team members and learn more about their roles and career journeys.

Yancoal has proudly partnered with the Clontarf Foundation since 2016 through its national Community Support Program. Initiatives like *Miner for a Day* provide students with real-world experiences that inspire, educate, and encourage them to explore new possibilities.

"Our partnership with Yancoal is about giving our boys the confidence and independence to take the next step beyond school. They come here and see real opportunities, and it shows them what adult life and full-time employment is all about. Experiences like this make them feel job ready, excited, and motivated about their future," Mason Williams, Clontarf Foundation Wellington Academy Director, said.

"The Clontarf Foundation does incredible work, and we're proud to support their mission," Brian Wesley, General Manager at Moolarben Coal, said. "It's great to host the Clontarf students at Moolarben and showcase the career opportunities available in mining. They were able to tour the workshops and see first-hand how our operations run day to day."

Clontarf Foundation programs are designed to build confidence, resilience, and ambition among young Indigenous men, helping them create pathways to success. Yancoal remains committed to supporting this journey by opening doors, creating opportunities, and continuing to invest in programs that make a meaningful difference.

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