

# **Boeing partnership to improve outcomes for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men**

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Boeing Defence Australia (BDA) has announced its partnership with [Clontarf Foundation](#) to assist young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men to achieve the best-possible life outcomes.

BDA's 12-month partnership with Clontarf will boost its work in improving the men's education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects at its 123 academies across the country.

The partnership is timely, with young Indigenous men one of the most at-risk groups in contemporary Australia, being over-represented in the youth detention system and with one of the highest suicide rates in the world.

“We are proud to reach this important partnership with the Clontarf Foundation as it equips young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men with the means and skills to participate more meaningfully in society,” said Scott Carpendale, BDA vice president and managing director.

“Through our Reconciliation Action Plan, we are striving to build and strengthen our relationships with individuals, communities and suppliers to benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.”

Kent Beasley, Clontarf Foundation Partnerships manager, said the BDA partnership would further assist young men to attend school, finish Year 12 and enter employment.

“Our approach has proven to be very successful, not only in attracting young men to school and keeping them there, but also in having them embrace more disciplined, purposeful and healthy lifestyles,” Beasley said.

“We are grateful for BDA's support and leadership.”