

Media release

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Broncos to visit Surat school students

School children across the Surat Basin will receive a special 'welcome back' to the classroom this year with a visit from the Brisbane Broncos squad.

The Broncos tour, delivered in partnership with Arrow Energy, will see the players head westwards on 28 & 29 January to visit students from 15 local schools, delivering leadership advice, reading tips and a coaching clinic to some of their youngest fans.

"It's an opportunity for children to learn firsthand from their sporting heroes about education, lifestyle and careers," Arrow Energy Community Relations Manager Peta Tucker said.

"As champion NRL stars their words carry a great weight with children and young adults, especially when it's delivered face-to-face in a school classroom.

"I'm pleased Arrow has been able to use its partnership with the Broncos to bring the team out to regional schools in the Darling and Western Downs."

Students in Chinchilla, Warra, Kogan, Wandoan, Brigalow, Guluguba, Miles, Cecil Plains and Toowoomba will hear from the Broncos about the importance of reading and living healthy and active lifestyles.

Senior school students from Dalby will also learn what it means to be a leader from the likes of senior players Corey Parker and Sam Thaiday.

The visit will conclude with a junior rugby league clinic on 29 January at Toowoomba Sports Ground (Clive Berghofer Stadium).

"We've had a great partnership with Arrow Energy over the last few years and working with them to get out into regional Queensland has been a big part of that," Senior player Sam Thaiday said.

"This tour gives us the opportunity to deliver positive lifestyle messages to young school children who are at an age where advice from their favourite footy player could really make a difference and help shape them."

The school visits will deliver three educational programs:

Broncos Book Clubs – interactive reading sessions with the players, highlighting the importance of providing children with male reading models.

‘Be a Champion’ sessions – informal class discussions to highlight the importance of healthy lifestyles, covering good health, wellbeing, exercise and food.

Broncos Leadership Forum – the forum will see selected students from schools in Dalby come together to hear from Broncos players about what it means to be a leader and the commitment required to reach their full potential.

The tour will visit Chinchilla State High School, Chinchilla State School, Miles State High School, Miles State School, Brigalow State School, Clifford Park Special School, Cecil Plains State School, Warra State School, Wandoan State School, Guluguba State School.

The leadership forum will be held at the Dalby PCYC with students from Dalby State School, Dalby South State School, Dalby State High School, Dalby Christian College and Our Lady of the Southern Cross College.

The junior rugby league clinic in Toowoomba is open to children from ages 6-16. Places are limited and registration is essential. For more information and to register your son or daughter, visit the Arrow Energy website www.arrowenergy.com.au.

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