



INDIGENOUS KIDS SET FOR TIME OF THEIR LIFE

24th May 2007

A large group of indigenous kids from remote communities throughout North Queensland with a passion for playing AFL will be given the trip of a lifetime this Friday. Skytrans will be flying in the AFL teams on their own personalised charter flight from Mornington Island, Kowanyama, Arukun, Badu Island, Lockhart River, and Palm Island to take part in the footy trip of their dreams.

The kids who are part of the AFL Auskick Program, an initiative strongly supported by Skytrans for many years, will be heading down to the Gabba on Saturday night to participate in the AFL indigenous round which is set aside each year by the AFL to celebrate the contribution made to the game by indigenous Australians from the past and the present.

The kids will be involved in the *Welcome to Country Ceremony*, eight children, one from each team will act as mascots for the two teams on field with Collingwood and Brisbane, and the other kids will act as guards of honour for the teams as they enter the field. All teams will play on field at half time as part of the NAB AFL Auskick Program.

"We are proud to be a part of such a wonderful experience for these kids. We have been a long time supporter of the AFL Auskick program and it's great to see these children taking part in an event that they will remember for many years to come," said Sara Barnard, Skytrans Airlines.

The Auskick Program has been at the centre of many positive moves to support the indigenous kids in remote communities but this trip will be one of the greatest achievements the program has undertaken for sometime.

"Whilst we are in Brisbane we are also going to visit the University of Queensland and attend the Lockhart River Art Exhibition, so this is expected to be the biggest trip these kids have ever experienced, it's such a great opportunity for them,

"Through the kick start program, children will be able to seek opportunities, improve lifestyles and live the dream, and Skytrans has been a healthy partner in our program since its inception almost 10 year ago," said Rick Hanlon, Development Cape York, AFL Cape York.

GREAT PHOTO OPPORTUNITY!

- WHEN:** 3:00pm 25th May 2007
- WHERE:** Skytrans Terminal - Cnr Viscount Dr & Gypsy Moth Crt - General Aviation, Townsville Airport
- WHAT:** Kids will arrive at the Townsville Terminal to jet off to Brisbane for the big event

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