Clairvaux boosted by Storm

NRL PLAYERS VISIT SCHOOL

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RUGBY league players from Clairvaux MacKillop College have used a session with professional NRL players to prepare for the largest schoolboys carnival in Queensland.

Melbourne Storm players and members of the club’s affiliated Easts Tigers Queensland Cup outfit visited the school on Friday, March 20, to help develop its Year 12 team.

The players took part in a question-and-answer session before running drills and individual skills sessions for the team.

Clairvaux MacKillop deputy principal Damian Bottaccio said the visit would prime the team ahead of this year’s Confraternity Carnival.

The carnival is an annual schoolboys’ rugby league competition conducted by Queensland Independent Secondary Schools’ Rugby League.

“It was a valuable opportunity for the students to hear about the pathways that are available to them and how they move from schoolboy rugby league to the elite level,” Bottaccio said.

Easts Tigers Queensland Cup coach Craig Ingebrigsten said the meeting provided an insight into the life of a professional player.

“It really benefits the players if that is the career they want because they find out what it takes to go to work every day, train hard, eat well and become successful in their chosen sport,” Ingebrigsten said.