



HSBC's Tony Cripps and Lion Brian O'Driscoll donate equipment to St Greg's Arthur Currie Picture: Phil Hillyard

School benefits from lion-hearted donation

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THE victorious British & Irish Lions have left a lasting legacy to a group of rugby-mad students at St Gregory's College in Campbelltown.

Training sessions will never be the same after they were given the team's entire kit, including a scrum machine, tackle suits, jackal bags for rucking and sternum pads.

HSBC, who has a long-standing partnership with the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation, was behind the deal.

AIEF CEO Andrew Penfold said the pupils at St Gregory's were delighted. "These boys come from mixed backgrounds with many students

coming from very difficult family lives," he said.

"Despite this, the boys flourish in the St Greg's community in all aspects of life, including academic results and the sporting field."

British Lions and Ireland centre Brian O'Driscoll said it was great the training equipment had been donated and put to good use.

"I'm sure the boys at St Gregory's will make good use of the equipment now the tour is over," he said.

"Perhaps in 12 years time some of the boys will be playing for Australia when the Lions are back over again and will have benefited from training with this equipment."