

# Central Region Smash Imparja Cup



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On Friday 12th of February the Central Region Clontarf Academies came together to participate in the annual middle school Imparja Cup cricket competition.

**Teams representing the Centralian Middle School, Yirara and Tennant Creek Clontarf Academies battled it out to be crowned 'Kings Of The Desert'. The day started with a healthy breakfast and the opportunity to socialize with Clontarf students from different academies.**

The state sides competing in the senior Imparja Cup competition also ran a super clinic for all of the participating students, with over 100 players from every state and territory taking part in the clinic.

It was a huge success and every Clontarf student came away from the session with newly developed skills and a greater understanding of the game; some were even lucky enough to poach free merchandise from the very generous players and representatives.

CricketAustralia was also present throughout the event, assisting with umpiring and the management of the state teams.

Without the continued, valued support of Cricket Australia, events such as the middle school competition would not be able to take place.

The middle school competition was played in a fantastic manner with each Academy displaying the Clontarf spirit at all times.

It was a highlight reel display from all players with big hits and spectacular fielding efforts shown throughout the tournament.

The grand final was played out between Yirara and Tennant Creek - it was a tight affair watched by a big crowd with Yirara College taking home the cup in nail biting fashion.

All participants should be complemented on their enthusiasm and respectful behaviour throughout the day.

