Alice Plays Host to Rugby’s U18 Indigenous Schoolboys

More than 85 Indigenous school boys kicked off a three day Under 18s Australian Rugby Union (ARU) Indigenous Schoolboys camp in Alice Springs today.

The three day camp, run by the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team in conjunction with ARU is also part of the Commonwealth Government’s No School No Play program.

The 88 boys arrived in the Red Centre on Saturday morning and were greeted by the Mutitjulu boys who participated in a training session with the schoolboys.

The schoolboys were then taken on a tour of Uluru with an elder before enjoying dinner with the local Mutitjulu community who treated them to some traditional local dances and culture.

The schoolboys will take part in information, education and mentoring sessions as well as participate in a round robin Rugby tournament between four teams over the next three days.

Sport and Recreation Minister, Karl Hampton, said Australian Rugby Union’s commitment to Indigenous sport participation and education is set to deliver several important outcomes.

“School and sport brings people together and helps them develop the skills needed to lead happy, healthy and successful lives,” Mr Hampton said.

“These Indigenous boys have a great chance to one day represent their country in their chosen sport and become role models for other youngsters in their cities and communities by regularly attending school.”

The Commonwealth Government’s No School No Play program uses sport as an incentive to encourage students to improve school attendance and behaviour.

The initiative aims to build strong partnerships between sporting organisations, parents and communities of secondary school students.

Following the three day camp and Indigenous Schoolboys XV will be selected to participate in the Division two Australian Schoolboys Championships later in the year.

Monday:

10-11:30 – Workshop: Nutrition and improving performance on the field and in the classroom.

12 – 3 – Lunch and Training – Anzac Oval, Wills Tce, Alice Springs
3 – 4:30 – Game preparation and recovery

4:30 – 4:45 – Official Welcome to country – Anzac Oval, Wills Tce

5 - 6 – Game 1: Combined States vs Qld – Anzac Oval, Wills Tce

6:15 – 7:15 – Game 2: NSW vs NT – Anzac Oval, Wills Tce

**Tuesday:**

10 – 11:30 – Workshop: Alcohol and other drugs.

12 – 1:30 – DVD Session: Workshop on Three Boys Dreaming

1:30 – 2 – Lunch

3 – 4 – Training and specific skills session – Anzac Oval, Wills Tce

5 – 6 – Game 1: NSW vs Combined States – Anzac Oval, Wills Tce

6:15 – 7:15 – Game 2: NT vs Qld – Anzac Oval, Wills Tce

**Wednesday:**

10 – 12:30 – Morning activities.

1 – 2 – Lunch

2:30 – 4 – Workshop: Sexual Health

5 – 6 – Game 1: NSW vs Qld – Anzac Oval, Wills Tce

5:15 – 7:15 Game 2: NT vs Combined States – Anzac Oval, Wills Tce

8:45 – 9:45 – Players addressed by NT Minister for Sport Karl Hampton

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