

**NZSSAA Team to the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships,
Adelaide, December 8,9,10 2017**

The New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association is proposing to select and manage a team to this year's Australian All Schools Athletics Championships to be held in Adelaide. Although these championships are associated with the Pacific Schools Games our team will be taking part in the All Schools Championships rather than the Pacific Schools Games themselves. The NZSSAA team will be a maximum of 32 athletes with a maximum of 18 from one gender and a minimum of 14 from the other gender plus 4 Team Manager/Coaches.

All Schools Entry criteria

Associations may enter a maximum of:

Under 14 - two athletes per event

Under 16 - three athletes per event, where at least one must be U15

Under 18 - three athletes per event, where at least one must be U17

Para-athletes - two per event in both U16 and U18 age groups

Age Grades

Under 14 - athletes must not have their fourteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2017 (ie must be born in 2004 or 2005)

Under 16 - athletes must not have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2017 (ie must be born in 2002 or later)

Under 18 - athletes must not have their eighteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2017 (ie must be born in 2000 or later)

Travel, Accommodation and Uniform details and costs are yet to be finalised but athletes could expect the cost for each athlete to be in the vicinity of \$2000.

Selection Criteria:

Athletes must be enrolled in a NZ secondary school and intend competing in the NZSS Championships being held in Hastings December 1-3 2017.

Athletes must be Under 18 on December 31 2017 (the upper age limit at the All Schools Championships).

Athletes must have achieved the All Schools 2017 Qualifying Standards in their event/age group. These will be published as soon as they are available but see the 2016 standards as a guide.

The following performance achievements will be taken into account in selecting the athletes: the 2016 NZSS championships, the North or South Is SS championship 2017, Athletics NZ ranking and any additional performance information the athlete considers relevant to selection. With a limited team size, priority will be given to athletes who were selected in last year's paper team and selection will favour older rather than younger athletes but applications from within the younger age groups will be considered. Para athletes will also be considered.

Athletes must have a signed statement (included in the expression of interest form) from the Principal of their school indicating that they are a person suitable in character and behaviour to represent their school and NZSSAA at these championships.

Athletes must have emailed their Expression of Interest form to the Team Manager, Mr Paul Meads pmeads@pukekohehigh.school.nz by September 10 2017.

Expression of Interest in being selected for the NZSSAA Team to the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships, Adelaide, December 8,9,10 2017 (All information given below will remain confidential to the NZSSAA selectors and team managers except that required to be included in the entry process for the Australian All Schools Championships)

Name on passport:
Nationality:
Date of Birth:
Gender:
Place of birth:
Passport number:
Passport issue date:
Passport expiry date:

Age Grade at All Schools Championships:
Event/s to be entered:
NZSS performance/s 2016:

North Is/South Is performance/s 2017

Athletics NZ Ranking/s:
Other relevant performances:

Athlete contact details:
postal address:
mobile phone number:
email address:

School enrolled at:
Year level:
Principal's attestation: is of good character and behaviour and I support their selection in the NZSSAA team to the Australian All Schools Championships 2017.
Principal's name and signature:

Caregivers name/s:
Caregivers permission for daughter/son to be considered for selection: Signed:

Athletes attestation: I meet the selection criteria as stated above and will be competing at the NZSSAA Track, Field and Road Race Championships in Hastings December 1-3 2017.
Signed:

Please email this information to pmeads@pukekohehigh.school.nz by September 10 2017.