

**NZSSAA Team to the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships,
Cairns, December 7,8,9, 2018**

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 Cairns. The NZSSAA team will be a maximum of 18 athletes and 2 Team Manager/Coaches.

All Schools Entry criteria

Associations may enter a maximum of:

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 16 - athletes must not have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (ie must be born in 2003 or later)

Under 18 - athletes must not have their eighteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (ie must be born in 2001 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 \$2500.

Selection Criteria:

Athletes must be enrolled in a NZ secondary school and intend competing in the NZSS Championships being held in Dunedin, November 30 - December 2 2018.

Athletes must be Under 18 on December 31 2018 (the upper age limit at the All Schools Championships).

Athletes must have achieved the All Schools 2018 Qualifying Standards in their event/age group. These will be published as soon as they are available but see the 2017/18 standards as a guide.

The following performance achievements will be taken into account in selecting the athletes: the 2017 NZSS championships, the North or South Is SS championships 2018, 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 Under 18 rather than Under 16 athletes. 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 14 2018**.