

The NZSS Cross Country Team (2015) competed in Melbourne on the 29th August at the Australian Cross Country Championships, held at Moonee Valley Racecourse. The team did well on the day finishing with the following results: (Athlete name is followed by finishing time and their placing overall in the Championship)

Under 16 Girls 4km:

Hannah O'Connor 16:21 9

Under 18 Girls 4km: Team 4th Place Overall

Samantha Burke 16:13 10
Emerson Deverell 16:17 14
Kelsey Forman 16:39 24
Bridie Edwards 16:44 27
Ari Graham 16:55 35
Georgia Clode 16:59 39
Jane Lennox 17:03 43
Isabella Kelly 17:17 49
Kaylee Mudgway 17:57 70

Under 20 Girls 6km:

Lucy Jacobs 22:20 21

Under 18 Boys 6km: Team 5th Place Overall

Mitchell Small 18:44 11
James Uhlenberg 18:50 14
Oliver Chignell 18:52 15
Christian Conder 19:12 24
Samuel MacKay-Wright 19:18 26

Under 20 Boys 8km: Team 3rd Place Overall

Conal Wilson 25:52 4
Cameron Avery 26:05 6
James Preston 27:04 23
Daniel Hintz 27:12 27
Joseph Dwyer 27:12 28

Following on from this event, the athletes also took part in the Australian Schools Cross Country Relays, which were held on the 31st August at Albert Park. Our teams did extremely well in the schools event coming back with the following team placings:

Under 20 Boys (5x3000m) 3rd

(Cameron Avery, James Preston, Daniel Hintz, Joseph Dwyer and Copnal Wilson)

Under 20 Girls (5x2000m) 3rd

(Ari Graham, Georgia Clode, Isabella Kelly, Jane Lennox and Lucy Jacobs)

Under 18 Boys (5x3000m) 2nd

(Oliver Chignall, Chritian Conder, Sam McKay-Wright, James Uhlenberg and Mitchell Small)

Under 18 Girls (5x2000m) 4th

(Kelsey Forman, Bridie Edwards, Emerson Deverell, Samantha Burke and Hannah O'Connor)

The trip was, overall, an extremely successful one with fantastic competition and valuable experience for all athletes... combined with top performances and a few career highlights. Watch out for many of these names in the near future.

Rhys Taucher and Val Burke (NZSS Team Managers)