

## INFORMATION SUMMARY:

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM to travel to HOBART, TASMANIA 2017

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS: **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY RELAYS: **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

NZSSAA will take a full Secondary Schools team to the Australian Schools Cross Country Championships this August.

- **New Zealand Girls team – Up to 12 female runners from throughout the country**
- **New Zealand Boys team – Up to 12 male runners from throughout the country**

Team selection will be largely based on results of the 2017 NZ National Secondary School Cross Country Champs in Christchurch on the 17<sup>th</sup> June, although other performances may be taken into consideration. Those runners who finish in the Top-12 in the Senior Girl's and Senior Boy's races will have preference for selection to the NZSS team.

Any athlete named in the Paper Team at the NZSS Championships will be eligible to apply for a Travel subsidy of up to \$NZ300. Other athletes not named in the Paper Team, are also eligible to apply for consideration for selection.

### **COST:**

Early estimates expect the cost of this trip to be in the range of approximately \$2,000pp.

Includes: International airfares, domestic airfares (if required), and accommodation for 5 nights in Hobart, transport costs, travel insurances, meals, sightseeing and other activities.

Team Uniform will be **costed separately** and will include some compulsory items and some optional items.

NZSSAA will plan the tour with all athletes traveling together as one team.

Please note that for 2017 the Australian Schools XC Champs in Hobart is being held as a separate event from the Australian XC Champs (Woolongong), which is a change from previous years when they have both been combined. As such, only athletes who are still at school will be competing at this event.

### **APPROXIMATE ITINERARY:**

The team would depart from Auckland/Christchurch Airport on the afternoon of Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August and fly to Hobart. Friday will be a free day to acclimatise, look about and view race venue etc. Saturday afternoon will be the individual race at the Championships, Sunday is a sightseeing/educational day in Hobart, Monday morning is the Schools relay race and closing ceremony. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> will be return flights home.



Athletes would be away from school for four days from 10<sup>th</sup> August to 15<sup>th</sup> August. A letter will be sent to school Principals to indicate Athlete's selection to represent NZ and resultant days away from school.

Rhys Taucher (Auckland)

Team Manager

**Team Managers:** Rhys Taucher (Auckland)