

INFORMATION SUMMARY:

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

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS: **Saturday 12th August 2017**

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY RELAYS: **Monday 14th 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 17th 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.

If you wish to apply for team selection you will need to email Rhys Taucher asap (following the NZSS Champs) for relevant forms to be completed and returned by Wednesday 21st June. Any athlete named in the Paper Team at the NZSS Championships will be eligible to apply for a Travel subsidy of up to \$NZ300.

COST:

Early estimates expect the cost of this trip to be in the range of **approximately \$1,800pp**.

Team Uniform will be **costed separately** and will include some compulsory items and some optional items. If you already have NZSS items on the list you will not need to repurchase them.

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.

ITINERARY:

Getting flights to and from Hobart has proven to be very difficult, especially for a large group who need to come together from around the country. Flight options were limited. Therefore the only option that we really have is on the following flights, which have now been booked:

10 th August	Auckland to Melbourne	QF 1052	Depart 07:15	Arrive 09:25
	Melbourne to Hobart	QF1507	Depart 15:20	Arrive 16:35
15 th August	Hobart to Sydney	QF 1584	Depart 15:50	Arrive 17:40
	Sydney to Auckland	QF 0149	Depart 18:45	Arrive 23:55



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As you can see this creates difficulties at the Auckland end, especially for those needing connecting flights from elsewhere in NZ. The only solution is for out-of-Auckland athletes to stay overnight at a hotel at Auckland Airport for a night on either side of the international flights. Connecting flights will be booked for Wednesday 9th August to Auckland, and for Wednesday 16th August for return flights.

Team management will also stay overnight at the team hotel.

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