

The NZSSAA Cross Country Team (2017) competed in Hobart on the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017, at the School Sport Australia Cross Country Championships, which were held at Rokeby, Hobart.

The team had an exceptionally successful day with some fantastic individual and team performances.

#### **Individual Results:**

##### Under 18 Girls (4,000m):

<b>Hannah O'Connor</b>	<b>13:19</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>GOLD</b>
Jayme Maxwell	13.35	5 <sup>th</sup>	
Phoebe McKnight	13.49	8 <sup>th</sup>	
Tessa Hunt	13.49	9 <sup>th</sup>	
Aimee Fergusson	13.52	11 <sup>th</sup>	
Liliana Braun	14.14	21 <sup>st</sup>	
Sofia Kennedy	14.43	36 <sup>th</sup>	

##### Under 18 Boys (6,000m):

<b>Samuel Tanner</b>	<b>18.42</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
George Corey-Wright	18.49	6 <sup>th</sup>	
Murdoch McIntyre	19.03	9 <sup>th</sup>	
Kalani Sheradin	19.08	11 <sup>th</sup>	
Logan Slee	19.37	26 <sup>th</sup>	
Stuart Hofemyer	20.02	41 <sup>st</sup>	

##### Under 20 Girls (6,000m):

<b>Samantha Burke</b>	<b>21.10</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>GOLD</b>
<b>Bridie Edwards</b>	<b>21.11</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>SILVER</b>
Grace Ritchie	21.51	5 <sup>th</sup>	
Harriet Bush	22.52	13 <sup>th</sup>	
Navajo Prentice	22.59	14 <sup>th</sup>	

##### Under 20 Boys (8,000m):

<b>Connor Melton</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>SILVER</b>
<b>Joseph Clark</b>	<b>25.08</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
James Uhlenberg	25.09	4 <sup>th</sup>	
Chris Devaney	25.23	6 <sup>th</sup>	
Jacob Holmes	25.31	7 <sup>th</sup>	
Joel Carman	26.21	13 <sup>th</sup>	

#### **Team Results:**

Although, as international athletes, we were not eligible to win team medals it is worth noting that our 4 teams did perform very well and that, *if they had been eligible to win team medals*, would have taken the following positions:

Under 18 Boys	Second Place	<b>SILVER</b>
Under 18 Girls	First Place	<b>GOLD</b>
Under 20 Boys	First Place	<b>GOLD</b>
Under 20 Girls	First Place	<b>GOLD</b>

## **RELAYS:**

Following the Saturday event, the athletes also took part in the Australian All-Schools Relays, which were held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August, again at Rokeby Police Academy – but this time on the roads around the Rokeby grounds. We were able to make up 4x 5-person teams to compete in the relays, whilst those remaining took place in a time trial race. Our teams did exceptionally well in the schools relays event coming back with the following team placings (This time NZ teams **were** eligible to receive medals for this event!! 😊):

Under 18 Girls (5x 2,00m)      First Place                      **GOLD**  
(Hannah O'Connor, Aimee Fergusson, Phoebe McKnight, Jayme Maxwell, Tessa Hunt)

Under 20 Girls (5x 2,000m)      Second Place                      **SILVER**  
(Harriet Bush, Bridie Edwards, Grace Ritchie, Navajo Prentice, Samantha Burke)

Under 18 Boys (5x 3,000m)      Second Place                      **SILVER**  
(George Corey-Wright, Kalani Sheradin, Logan Slee, Murdoch McIntyre, Samuel Tanner)

Under 20 Boys (5x 3,000m)      First Place                          **GOLD**  
(Connor Melton, Joseph Clark, Chris Devaney, Jacob Holmes, James Uhlenberg)

Time trialists; Liliana Braun, Sofia Kennedy, Stuart Hofemyer and Joel Carman all had great races with Joel finishing in second place overall in the U20 boys.

The trip was, in all regards, an extremely successful one - with fantastic competitions and valuable experience for all athletes and team managers.

**Rhys Taucher, Val Burke and Paul Meads (Team Management)**