



## **NZSSAA Tour to Australian Schools Cross Country Championships 2025**

New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association are proposing to take a New Zealand Schools representative team to the 2025 Australian Schools Cross Country Championships to be held in Runaway Bay, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia.

The expected team size will be 12 boys and 12 girls. It should be noted that this year's Australian Schools event is NOT part of the Athletics Australia National Cross-Country Championships.

### Events

There are two events for the athletes to compete in the Australian Schools Championships, the age group races on Monday 8th September and relays on Wednesday 10th September.

### Travel Dates

Athletes will need to be prepared to travel between Saturday 6th September until Friday 12th September 2025.

### Costs

The expected cost per athlete will be \$2550.00. This excludes the NZSSAA representative team uniform. Those named in the 2025 NZSS Championship team [top ten finishers] in both senior grades at our Championships may be entitled to a \$250 travel subsidy to help fund their trip.

### Team Selection

Selection in the team will be automatic for the top ten finishers in both the senior boys and senior girls' races at our NZSSAA Championships in Whangarei on June 14th if they choose to be selected. Therefore, a minimum of two additional places will be available for athletes in the team for girls and boys who finish outside of the top ten. Selection criteria for those outside the top 10 automatic qualifiers from the NZSS Championships will be based on a range of factors including but not limited to:

- Competitive records at NZ Secondary Schools events
- Current and past competitive record at Cross Country for national and regional schools and club competitions
- Athletics New Zealand distance event rankings

Expressions of interest will be available after the completion of the NZSSAA senior boys cross country champs event. This is to ensure athletes are able to list their finishing position as part of their application.