

Tour to Australian Schools Cross Country Championships 2024

New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association are proposing to take a New Zealand Schools representative team to the 2024 Australian Schools Cross Country Championships to be held in Yarra, Victoria, Australia. Yarra is approximately 1 hour from Melbourne.

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 to be held in Tasmania.

Events

There are two events for the athletes to compete in the Australian Schools Championships, the age group races on the Wednesday 21 August and Relays on Friday 23 August.

Travel Dates

Athletes will need to be prepared to travel will most likely be between Monday 19 August until Saturday 24 August 2024

Costs

The expected cost per athlete will be in the vicinity of \$2500 - \$3000 dependent upon flights . This excludes NZSSAA representative team uniform. Those named in the 2024 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 Christchurch on June 15 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 too

- 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

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