



I.S.F. World Secondary School Cross Country Champs 2020

The Event

NZSSAA intend to take a full team to the ISF World Secondary Schools Cross Country Champs in Strbske Pleso, Slovakia 2020. This would include athletes in the following teams:

- A New Zealand Girls team – 6 female runners from throughout the country
- A New Zealand Boys team – 6 male runners from throughout the country
- A New Zealand Girls school team – 6 female runners from the same school
- A New Zealand Boys school team - 6 male runners from the same school

Each team consists of six athletes and selection will largely be based on results of the 2019 New Zealand Secondary School Cross Country Championships in Timaru although other performances may be taken into consideration. Where an athlete was not able to compete or their performance at NZSSAA Cross Country Championships was well below expectation due to unavoidable circumstances (eg illness, injury, bereavement), then a performance at the Athletics NZ Cross Country Champs may be used to help decide selection. To be eligible for this event, athletes must be born in 2002, 2003, 2004 or 2005. This means that eligible athletes will be spread across both the senior and junior grades at the NZSSAA Cross Country Championships. As in previous years NZSSAA would plan the tour with all athletes traveling together as one team. All athletes represent New Zealand and wear the New Zealand team uniform.

Cost of the Trip

Estimated cost of the trip is approximately \$6500 per athlete, this includes airfares, accommodation, travel insurance, a comprehensive team uniform, meals, sightseeing and other activities. School team managers will travel at a reduced cost and their costs may be required to be met by their school team athletes. Any savings will be passed on to athletes by the overall cost being reduced. Remember if you made the NZ Paper Team you are eligible to apply for a \$500 grant towards the trip.

Travel dates

The timing of the event means that athletes will be unlikely to miss much, if any school days, as it will fall during the April School Holiday break.

Approximate trip dates are Friday 10th- Monday 27th April 2020.

Management

Rhys Taucher (NZSSAA Executive) – Sacred Heart College (Auckland)

Jakub Kalinowski (NZSSAA Executive) – St Peter's College (Auckland)

Approximate itinerary outline (to be confirmed later)

Nb: April school holidays for the 2020 year are from 10th April (Good Friday) until Monday 27th April (ANZAC Day). Based on the proposed itinerary no school time will be lost.

Friday 10th April:	AM Domestic air travel in the morning
	PM Depart from Auckland International Airport
Saturday 11 th – Saturday 18 th April:	Team based in London
Saturday 18th April:	Travel to Slovakia, via Vienna
Saturday 18 th – Thursday 23 rd April:	Team hosted in Strbske Pleso, Slovakia
Thursday 23 rd April:	Bus to Vienna.
Thursday 23rd April- Sunday 26th April:	Vienna 3 nights
Sunday 26 th April:	Leave Vienna, travel to NZ
Monday 27 th April:	Arrive NZ

Applications

Please complete the accompanying Individual or School Team application form and return to the address stated.

Should you have any further questions please contact Rhys Taucher;
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Rhys Taucher

Jakub Kalinowski