

20 May 2021

New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association  
**47<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships 2021**

To the Competitors and Supporters,

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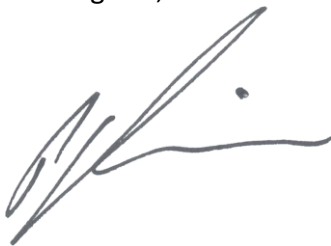
On behalf of the South Taranaki community I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all the competing athletes and those that have travelled to our district to support them.

I thank the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association for choosing South Taranaki to host the 2021 Cross Country Championships.

Cross country running comes with a variety of challenges, not only because of the distance you are running, but also the variety of terrains, the changing weather and the mental toughness needed to finish the race once the physical fatigue starts to set in. There is an immense amount of pride and satisfaction that comes from being able to say you finished the race, regardless of where you place.

I wish you all the best of luck with your part of the competition and hope you manage to enjoy all that South Taranaki has to offer while you are here.

Kind regards,



Phil Nixon  
**Mayor**