



New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletic Association's Senior Cross Country Team to compete in the Australian Championships in Launceston Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013.

Following the successful Team that attended last year's Australian Championship in Adelaide and the year before in Canberra NZSSAA is again offering a senior tour this year. The team will be selected on the same basis that any athlete who finishes in the top 12 in the Senior Boys and Senior Girls has earned the opportunity to be part of this the team. Unfortunately as in 2011 there is a clash of dates with the Athletic New Zealand Road Race in Dunedin.

Athletes who finish close to the top 12 may give an expression of interest but will only be added to the team if less than 12 confirm their wish to travel and then only if their addition is logistically feasible and an additional athlete is required to complete a relay team for the Relays held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

All top 12 will receive a form to complete and expression of interest form will be available in Christchurch. (See below for deadlines). A copy can also be downloaded from the NZSSAA website

We have attempted to keep costs down and the cost will be similar to last year. We also remind that athletes who have been selected in the paper team are entitled to \$300

Group flights are being held for travel ex New Zealand on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August returning early on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September allowing athletes homeward connections on that day. Athletes to travel on the group flights as the fare is dependent on 10 travelling from each of the two New Zealand departure points. Any alternative travel as indicated on the selection forms circulated at our Championships need to be discussed with management. There may be travel seats available for interested supporters on a first come first served basis as we have slightly more seats held than the maximum team size to keep our travel options flexible. The main group will fly ex Auckland because the fare offered is \$300 less than the group ex Wellington.

Timeline:-

- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June NZSS Cross Country Championships. Team application forms circulated to all top 12 senior finishers. Expression of interest forms available.
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Deadline for returns by scanned e mail.
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July Team published on website (note that top 12 seniors who have replied that they wish to travel are guaranteed inclusion in the team. Newsletter 1 will be posted to all team members and will be placed on the website.
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. First instalment of payment required (Air Travel component)**
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August final payment required.
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August depart New Zealand
- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August Australian Cross Country Oakland Racecourse Adelaide
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September Cross Country Relays
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September return to New Zealand

### Indicative costs

Travel	\$800 *
Team Fee including uniform	\$ 350
Accommodation/ Meals/ Internal Transport \$ 150/day	\$600
Contingency	\$100

This is an indicative cost only and can only be finalised when the final size of the Team is known. When the final team make up is known there may be a degree of travel equalisation. It should be remembered that on this occasion northern athletes have had to travel to Christchurch for the NZSS Championships.

\*The air fare is \$759 but I have built in an amount to accommodate athletes from outside of Auckland for the night before departure as it is an early flight ex Auckland

Insurance can be arranged by NZSS at \$49 but cheaper personal arrangements may be available to individuals through your own family insurance.

### Notes

- Please complete the form carefully
- Scan and e mail to [amcnab@collegiate.school.nz](mailto:amcnab@collegiate.school.nz)
- The form should also be posted to Alec McNab , 101 Liverpool Street Wanganui
- I am overseas for 17 days from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June but will be checking e mails
- If you do not have a passport organise one now
- Note clash with Athletics New Zealand Road Race in Dunedin
- If you were not in the top 12 and are expressing interest it would help if you include details of past performances

**The Deadline for the reply is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. I am sorry about the fast turn round but pressure has been put on us by the airline.**

**Note payment of \$ 800 will be needed by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Return to [amcnab@collegiate.school.nz](mailto:amcnab@collegiate.school.nz) by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 8 -00 pm

+ Copy posted to:-

Alec McNab

101 Liverpool Street

Wanganui 4500

Alec McNab (Team Manager) June 9<sup>th</sup> 2013