

New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association  
Pacific School Games, Canberra  
30 November – 6 December 2008

Information on this event can be found on the website  
[www.pacificschoolgames.edu.au](http://www.pacificschoolgames.edu.au) .

The NZSSAA will combine with the New Zealand Children's Athletics Association to select a team to travel to this event. Because there is a grade for every year level and two athletes are allowed per event (4 for 100 m) with a possibility of more if athletes meet the games' standards (not yet published), there is the potential to have a much larger team than usual. NZSSAA may determine to select to a maximum number that we feel can be successfully handled by team management and therefore not have competitors in every event and every grade. Normally we would not select athletes below 15 years of age but we may do so this time, in consultation with the New Zealand Children's Athletics Association's selectors.

Competing in one or more of the following events will be required for selection. The athlete must be a bona fide school student attending school regularly.

1. The North Island and South Island Track and Field Championships, April 2008
2. The various regional schools track and field championships, March 2008
3. The NZSSAA Track and Field Championships, December 2007
4. Athletics NZ/Australian Championships, 2008

Athletes need to be aware that these games occur during NCEA/Scholarship examinations. It is likely that the team would travel on 28 or 29 November, thereby clashing with up to five days of examinations. Your qualifications come first and you should not consider being nominated for selection unless you have completed all examinations.

More information will follow as decisions on team size, travel, accommodation, cost, etc are made.