



New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association

New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletic Association's Senior Cross Country Team to compete in the Australian Championships in Adelaide 25th -27th August 2012.

Following the successful Team that attended last year's Australian Championship 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. Athletes who finish close to this may give an expression of interest but will only be added if less than 12 confirm their wish to travel and then only if their addition is required to complete a relay team for the Relays held on Monday 27th August (the actual Championships is on Saturday 25th August).

All top 12 will receive a form to complete and expression of interest form will be available in Auckland. (See below for deadlines)

We accept that travel to Adelaide is both longer and more expensive than to Canberra and that the need for an additional night's accommodation is also necessary. We also remind that athletes who have been selected in the paper team are entitled to \$300 (an increase from \$250 last year).

Group flights are being held for travel ex New Zealand on Thursday 23rd August returning early on Tuesday 28th August allowing athletes homeward connections on Tuesday. We would prefer 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.

Timeline:-

- Saturday 16th June NZSS Cross Country Championships. Team application forms circulated to all top 12 senior finishers. Expression of interest forms available.
- Friday 22nd June. Deadline for returns
- Tuesday 26th June 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 29th June. First instalment of payment required (Air Travel component)
- Friday 10th August final payment required.
- Thursday 23rd August depart New Zealand
- Saturday 25th August Australian Cross Country Oakland Racecourse Adelaide
- Monday 27th August Cross Country Relays
- Tuesday 28th August return to New Zealand

Indicative costs

Travel	\$800
Team Fee including uniform	\$360
Accommodation/ Meals/ Internal Transport \$ 120/day	\$600

This is indicative costs only and can only be finalised when the final size of the Team is known.

Insurance can be arranged by NZSS at \$48 but cheaper personal arrangements might be available to individuals through their own family insurance.