

# Waikato Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships 2017



- Venue:** Hamilton Gardens – Governors Lawn <http://hamiltongardens.co.nz/visit/hamilton-gardens-map/>
- Date:** Wednesday, 7 June 2017
- Course Description:** Undulating well grassed surface. Should be firm under foot. Suitable for bare feet.
- Age Groups:** **NOTE: This year the age groups are being aligned with the NZSS Cross Country age groups. This means they differ from those used for ZONE and WBOP and NISS Athletics**
- Year 9 Athletes must be in Year 9 and under 15 as at 31 December 2017 (born on or after 1st January 2003). An athlete can compete in the Year 9 race once only.
  - Junior Under 16 as at 31 December 2017 (born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2002)
  - Senior Under 20 as at 31 December 2017 (born between 1<sup>st</sup> January 1998 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001)
  - Para as for Junior and Senior grades above except ORS funded athletes can be Under 22 as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 (born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1996)
- Programme:**
- 10.30 am Managers' Meeting near start finish line
  - 11.00 am Year 9 Girls 3000m
  - 11.20 am Year 9 Boys 3000m
  - 11.40 am Junior Girls (under 16) 3000m
  - 12.00 pm Junior Boys (under 16) 4000m / all Para boys 2500m
  - 12.25 pm Senior Girls (under 20) 4000m / all Para girls 2500m
  - 12.50 pm Senior Boys (under 20) 6000m
- Entries:** Entries can be done online at [www.enternow.co.nz/sportwaikato](http://www.enternow.co.nz/sportwaikato)  
Entries close on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017**  
Race numbers will NOT be used. As athletes exit the finish chute they will receive a place card. They must then immediately report to the results tent to have their name and school recorded. Failure to do this will mean they are omitted from the results and their points will not count towards the team score
- Points:** The first three from each school count for team scores, but schools can enter any number in each grade
- Uniform:** Ensure that your athletes come dressed and ready to run.  
Please wear the correct school athletics uniform as registered with WBOPSSA.  
The course is suitable for specialist cross country spikes and running shoes.
- Athlete facilities:** **There is one small block of toilets close to the start area. There is also other toilets near the information centre.**  
There is space for tents BUT only short pegs or weighted bags can be used to hold them down.
- Parking:** Through **Gate 2 of** Cobham Drive. The top carpark has more room for parking than the lower carpark.

**New Zealand Secondary Schools Regional Cross Country Relay Championships ASCOT golf course  
Christchurch, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June:**

This event will be held on the morning of **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June** on the Ascot Golf Course Christchurch, the day after the New Zealand Secondary School Cross Country Championships (being held at the same venue). WBOP Boys and Girls teams will be selected to represent our region. Selection will be based BOTH on the performance at the WBOP Cross Country Championships and the New Zealand Secondary School Cross Country Championships. The age groups will be the same as those we are running at the WBOP Cross Country Championships this year.

**More information about the New Zealand Secondary Schools Regional Cross Country Relay Championships will follow in the next week.**

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