



Auckland Grammar School Athletics 2021

26 January 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

This is to inform you of your son's participation in the upcoming athletic events that form the Auckland Grammar School athletics programme.

The School will be holding the Athletic Sports at The Trust Arena on Wednesday 17 February. Your son will be participating in this event if he has entered into a field event or he has made a final in a track event.

Athletes who perform well in the School Sports may be selected to progress to compete in the Central Western/Eastern Zone Championships at Mt Smart Stadium on Tuesday 2 March. There may be some boys who will not be able to compete at this meeting and they will compete in either the Counties Manukau Zone, (Massey Park) on 3 March at Mt Smart or the North Harbour Zone, (AUT Millennium), on 10 March. Those who qualify from the Zonal meetings, will then compete in The Greater Auckland Championships at Mt Smart Stadium on Tuesday 30 March.

Buses will be provided to transport athletes to and from these events. There may be a need for some boys to travel by mini van or hired taxis to suit the early start times for some events at the various competitions. Boys travelling by bus must meet at Gate 3 at 7.30am on the respective days, ready for bus departure. Boys will be transported back to School by bus, mini van or hired taxi at the conclusion of the various events. This varies for the different events but will generally be around 3.30pm.

Your son must arrive at school in his school uniform and also depart the track in his school uniform at the conclusion of the various events. He will compete in the appropriate athletics uniform for the event. For the School Sports and for the Zonal Championships he will be able to wear his physical education uniform or the School's athletic uniform. He will however, need to wear the School's athletic uniform should he progress to the Greater Auckland Championships. This can be purchased from the school shop.

A parent consent form is required to be completed in order for your son to compete. This requirement is part of School policy for Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC). It is important to note that the parent consent form covers all events outlined. The consent form must be returned to the Athletics coaching staff by Friday 5 February as follows: Form 3 & 4 to Mr S. Blackwell; Form 5 & 6 to Mr C. Oates; Form 7 to Ms D Virgo.

There is an Athletics cost of \$30 which will cover transport arrangements, equipment hire and officials. An account will be processed by the Finance Office and payment for this can be made via the Parent Portal. This will not be credited back should your son choose not to compete on the day.

We encourage your son to take advantage of the expert coaching provided by the Auckland Grammar School Athletic staff in the lead up to these championship events. Commitment and excellence are two of the School's values. If your son makes a commitment to our programme we believe he will give himself the best opportunity to excel and achieve to his potential.

We are excited to follow your son's performances and progress and we wish him every success as he has the opportunity to compete in these events.

Mr S. Blackwell
Master-In-Charge of Athletics