



# Waikato Secondary School Cross Country

Tauhara Park, Hamilton

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2026

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This Cross-Country event is for **Waikato Secondary Schools** (except Thames Valley schools who have a separate XC event) and is ideal preparation for the regional **Waikato & Bay of Plenty Secondary School Championships** (held one week later Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June).

This event is open to all Secondary School students in the Waikato region, and there are no specific qualification criteria for athletes to participate. The age groups are aligned with the **New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country**, held in Wellington June 20th.

## GRADES:

- **Year 9:** Athletes must be in Year 9 and under 15 as at 31 December 2026 (born on or after 1st January 2012). An athlete can compete in the Year 9 race once only.
- **Junior:** Under 16 on 31 December 2026 (born on or after 1st of January 2011)
- **Senior:** Under 20 on 31 December 2026 (born between 1st January 2006 & 31st December 2010)
- **Para Athletes:** as for Year 9, Junior and Senior grades above except ORS funded athletes can be Under 22 as on 31st December 2026 (born on or after 1st January 2005)

## FACILITIES:

- There are very limited public toilet facilities at the venue (two cubicles), please get students to arrive changed.
- There is no cover at the venue, so please bring any gazebos etc. you have in case of inclement weather.
- Schools are to bring their own first aid kits.
- Schools to be responsible for their own rubbish.

**Cancellation:** Schools will be contacted by **9:00am** if the weather is likely to affect the event.

**Please ask athletes to wear and bring appropriate clothing and footwear.**

**Event access:** This is possible via Callum Brae Drive. There is very limited parking at the venue, and it is not suitable for buses. We recommend that you use the ample on street parking in Callum Brae Drive and Glen Cree Avenue.

**START TIMES and DISTANCES:**

11.00 am: Course opens  
11.45 am: Race Briefing

*Race start times as below however these may be altered depending on number of entrants:*

12.00 pm: 3.0 km Year 9 Girls/Junior Girls (2 laps)/Para Girls (1 lap)  
12.30 pm: 3.0 km Year 9 Boys (2 laps)/ Para Boys (1 lap)  
01.00 pm: 4.0 km Senior Girls/Junior Boys (1 short lap, 2 full laps)  
01.30 pm: 6.0 km Senior Boys (4 laps)

**TEAM EVENTS:** Teams scores will be calculated for 3 person and 6 person teams

**ENTRIES:** Please confirm Entries by Friday 29th May 2026. Enter using this link <https://entries.co.nz/o/wbopssxczones2026/>

\*\* There is no charge for entry.

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**COURSE MAP:** 1.5km laps (start and finish is located at the blue arrow). Yellow arrow indicates 1km lap for Senior Girls/Junior Boys.

