



Waikato Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships 2026

Venue: SOUTH FARMS, SOUTH ROAD, MANGATARATA (near Ngatea)

Date: Wednesday, 10 June 2026

Host School: Hauraki Plains College

Course Description: Consists of hills, creeks, possibly mud, mainly a grass surface but there is a gravel track to cross and also to run along toward the end of the 2km lap although a grass verge is available there. Suitable for spikes (9mm recommended), running flats or bare feet if the athletes are used to bare foot running. A stream runs through the course, easily jumped the first time it is crossed but shoes will definitely get wet at the second crossing.

Programme: 10.30 am Managers' Meeting **near the finish**

11.00 am Year 9 Girls 3000m (in year 9 and U15 on 31st Dec 2026)

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11.40 am Junior Girls (U16 on 31st Dec 2026) 3000m

12.00 pm Junior Boys (U16 on 31st Dec 2026) 4000m

12.00 pm Para boys (Y9/U16/U20 (ORS U22) on 31st Dec 2026) 2000m

12.25 pm Senior Girls (U20 on 31st Dec 2026) 4000m

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12.50 pm Senior Boys (U20 on 31st Dec 2026) 6000m

Entries: This is an OPEN entry event – no qualification is required to compete other than that set by individual schools. **Entries close Monday 8 June 2026** (note extended time) and can be done online at <https://entries.co.nz/o/wbopssxregionals2026/>. The Entry charge will be **\$5.00 per athlete**. Once you have completed your entries, you can download an Entry Confirmation. Schools will be invoiced \$5 per participating athlete after the event.

Points: For teams races 3 person teams: The first three from each school count for team scores. 6 person teams: The first six from each school count for team scores. Schools can enter any number in each grade

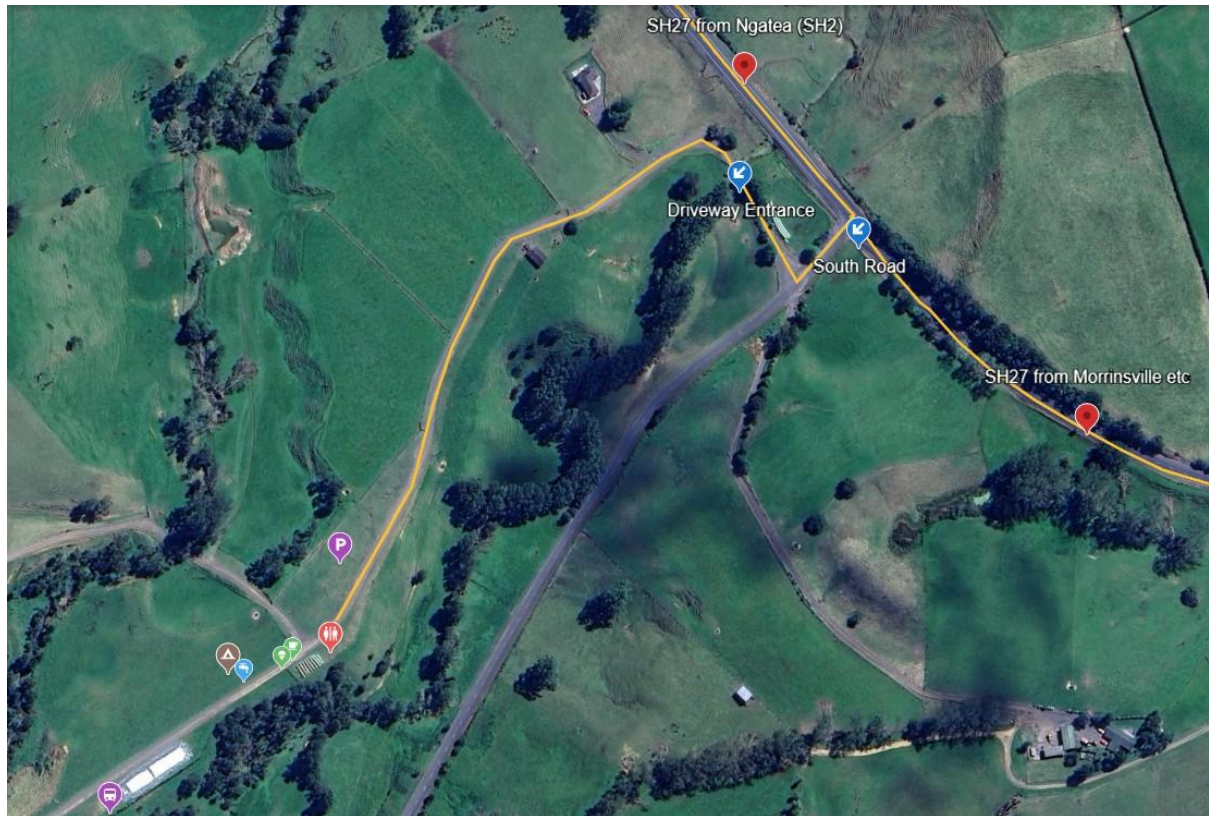
Uniform: Ensure that your athletes come dressed and ready to run. Please wear the correct school athletics uniform as registered with WBOPSSA.

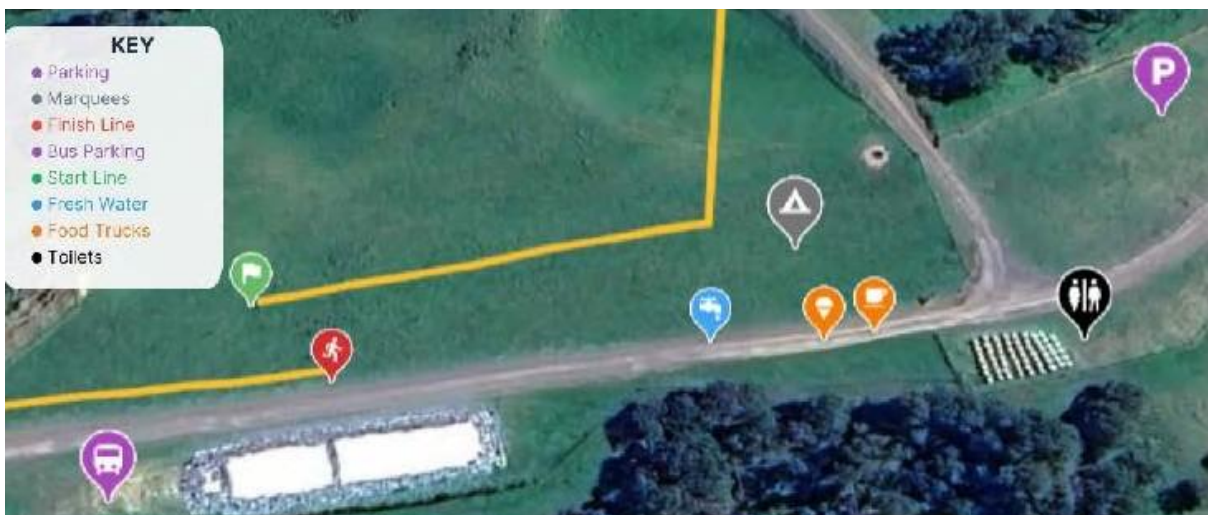
Facilities: Portaloos will be available on the day. Please bring your own shelter if desired – there is space for tents. Food and Drinks will be available to purchase. All schools are asked to bring their own rubbish bags, ensure their area is clean and tidy after the event and take rubbish home at the end of the day please.

First Aid: All schools are asked to bring their own First Aid kits – ice will be provided. A trained First Aid person will be on site if assistance is required. Phone 111 in an emergency.

Parking: Will be signposted on your way up the road, an allocated marshal will also be there directing traffic, please follow their instructions.

Course Location and Maps:





Year 9 Girls, Year 9 Boys, Junior Girls: 2km + 1km

Junior Boys, Senior Girls: 2km x 2

Para Girls/Boys: 2km x 1

Senior Boys: 2km + 1km, 2km + 1km



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 20 June: New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships (Trentham Memorial Park, Upper Hutt, Wellington)

All information is available at: <https://nzssaa.org.nz/> for Newsletters and Information and ONLINE entry. **Please be aware that entries close on 10 June, the same day as the WBOPSS championships.**

Individual and School team events for school 3 person and 6 person teams

Sunday 21 June: New Zealand Secondary Schools Regional Cross Country Relay Championships (Trentham Memorial Park, Upper Hutt, Wellington)

This event will be held on the morning of Sunday 21 June at same venue as the Individual and Teams championships, the day after the New Zealand Secondary School Cross Country Championships. WBOPSS Boys and Girls teams will be selected to represent our region. Selection will be based BOTH on the performance at the WBOPSS Cross Country Championships and the New Zealand Secondary School Cross Country Championships. To be selected athletes must participate in the individual championships Saturday 20 June.

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 is available on the NZSSAA website www.nzssaa.org.nz