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AIMS GAMES 2021 / Initial Letter to Parents and Caregivers

The AIMS Games (www.nzaimsport.co.nz/) is an International Intermediate Schools Sporting Championship, which will be attended this year by more than 330 schools from throughout New Zealand. This week-long sports event is held annually in Mt Maunganui, Tauranga, and will take place from Saturday 4 September to Friday 10 September 2021. Various venues around Tauranga will be used to cater for the various sports codes represented at this tournament. This year, it is anticipated that over 11,000 competitors will attend to compete in over 20 sports, including:

Badminton, Basketball, BMX Racing, Cross Country + Cross Country, Football, Futsal, Golf, Gymnastics, Hockey, Indoor Bowls, Netball, Hip Hop, Aerobics, Rock Climbing, Riprap Rugby, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, and Yachting. Check the AIMS Website for a full list of sporting codes.

Once again we intend to send a substantial team, covering a number of sporting codes. It is the policy of the school to send our high performing athletes. Consideration is given to the level that competitors have achieved in previous SEZ competitions, the size of the overall group, the cost implications to parents and the school, disruption to the school and classroom programmes and logistical requirements. The school has reserved the right to determine which sports we will enter and which students will attend. The school will finalise the sporting codes we will enter by the end of April.

The cost of the registration to compete in the tournament, plus food, transport, accommodation and all other costs will need to be met by you. In order to be eligible, students must be enrolled full-time in the school they are attending at Year 7 or Year 8 level. Students can compete in more than one event provided scheduling of events are taken into account plus at the discretion of the school and coaches. The estimated cost for a student taking part in a school lead team staying the whole week is \$760.00 (approx).

All registrations close at the beginning of June. Only schools can enter students.

Many of the codes require a club or national ranking due to oversubscription of the event e.g. Mountain Bike riders and Sailors must be a member of an affiliated club. Squash and Tennis players must have a Squash code or NZ tennis grade. **These rules cannot be influenced by us. These are set by AIMS NZ.**

The determination of teams that will take place is now underway, with team selection to follow. The majority of students participating in a team will know by week 8 of term 2. The selection of individual competitors in Badminton, Table Tennis, Golf, Gymnastics, Rock Climbing, Squash, Swimming, Tennis and Yachting will need to be determined prior to entry date.

Please be aware that for some of the individual sports, parents/caregivers will be responsible for organising transport and accommodation. Some of the one-day events e.g. Cross Country, will not require you to find accommodation at all. For more information on each event visit: <https://www.nzaimsgames.co.nz/> and select sports information.

Separate letters detailing information about specific codes, will be sent home during the end of term 1 and beginning of term 2.

Yours sincerely

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