



11 April 2019

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The AIMS GAMES 2019 are being held in Tauranga from Sunday 8 – Friday 13 September. This is an annual event on the Aquinas College Sports Calendar and it is always a highlight for our Year 7 and 8 Students.

For further details regarding the AIMS GAMES please visit the [Official Website](#).

There are 23 different codes offered at the AIMS GAMES this year. Please see below the list of the Sports that Aquinas College may offer if numbers allow.

Badminton	Golf	Rugby 7's
Basketball Boys	Gymnastics	Squash
Basketball Girls	Hip Hop	Swimming
BMX Racing	Hockey (6 aside)	Table Tennis
Canoe Sports	Indoor Bowls	Tennis
Cross Country	Mountain Biking	Water Polo Girls
Football Boys	Multisport	Water Polo Open
Futsal Boys	Netball	Yachting
Futsal Girls	Rock Climbing	

It is important to note that many of the individual codes have strict qualifying criteria (BMX, Canoe Sports, Golf, Mountain Biking, Squash, Tennis and Yachting). Students will only be entered if there are able to meet the criteria as specified by the NZ AIMS GAMES Committee.

Students will be limited to competing in a maximum of one WEEK LONG sporting code and one DAY sporting code, OR multiple DAY codes over the week of competition, as long as there are only minor timetable clashes. Students may apply to the Aquinas AIMS GAMES Committee if they wish to compete in more codes on the understanding that no timetable allowances will be made. Students will only be accepted if they are able to display appropriate commitment levels to all sports leading up to the event and during the week of competition.

All students wanting to participate in the AIMS GAMES 2019 should register their interest by completing the [Online Expression of Interest](#) form by Sunday 12 May.

Entry and Trials

Participation in the AIMS GAMES is made at the discretion of the Aquinas AIMS Management Committee which consists of the Principal, Director of Sport, Sports Coordinator, Teacher in Charge of School Events and Teachers in Charge of Sports Codes within Aquinas.

Participation in the AIMS tournament will be based on the combination of:

- Historical performance of the team/individual
- Current performance of the team/individual
- Team strength based on availability of students and Coaching Staff

It is at the discretion of each sport as to whether trials will be held or not. Students and parents will be advised of these dates.



Commitment and Trainings

All students who are selected into a sports team to compete in the AIMS GAMES will be required to have a strong level of commitment to attend all trainings held and compete in warm up competitions in the lead up to the AIMS GAMES 2018.

Trainings will be confirmed once teams are announced but students should expect to attend at least one training session over the course of each week. These sessions may be held before school, at lunchtimes or after school.

Any students who do not display the appropriate levels of commitment may be removed from the team after a verbal warning and a phone call home to parents/caregivers.

Entry Fees

For sport specific entry fees, please refer to the event website www.nzaimsgames.co.nz. Some team sports will have an additional fee if the team is unable to provide an Umpire/Referee.

Other fees associated with the AIMS GAMES may include:

- Pre-Season competitions- Where possible, each team will be encouraged to participate in pre-season games. Games that are organised with other schools will not generally incur a cost however tournaments may. The entry fee for an organised tournament may be up to \$30.00 per competition.
- Uniform- In most sports students will be provided with uniforms to compete in. There may be Sports that students are required to provide their own sports socks. Students are also required to wear an AC Tracksuit to the Opening Ceremony and advised to wear throughout the week during down time. These can be purchased from NZ Uniforms, 94 Elizabeth Street, Tauranga, or here may be some available through the second hand shop at Aquinas College.
- Opening Ceremony Tickets- The Opening Ceremony is on Sunday 8 September and is an extravaganza of talent and is often a highlight for competitors. Aquinas College attends the Opening Ceremony as a group and the cost of tickets will be added to your account (\$15.00 pp).

Parent/Caregiver Expectations

Parents/Caregivers will be expected to support Aquinas College by making it a priority for students to attend trainings for the AIMS GAMES. Please support Coaches and Managers by encouraging students to attend on time and ready to train. If students are unable to attend practices, they must contact the Coach prior.

Aquinas College will have a number of staff involved during this week of competition. Each sport will however require parental assistance to support the athletes in various roles including Coach, Manager and Umpire/Referee. Sports that are likely to have a small number of participants will rely more heavily on parent involvement.

It may also be necessary for Parents/Caregivers to assist with scoring at some sports over the week. If you are attending games, please offer your assistance to the Coach and Manager of your child's team as it will be greatly appreciated.

Parents/Caregivers will be responsible for organising transport for students over the week of competition. We highly recommend carpooling with other students in the same teams over the week.



Essential Dates for your Diary

- AIMS GAMES 2018 Expression of Interest must be filled in by Sunday 12 May
- NZ AIMS GAMES Entries Close on Wednesday 12 June
- Teams Announced by Friday 28 June
- Student entry and payment is due Friday 26 July
- AIMS GAMES 2019 will be held from Sunday 8 – Friday 13 September

Further information is to follow. If you have any queries, please feel free to email me on ctarr@aquinas.school.nz.

Yours sincerely,

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