

AQUINAS COLLEGE ATHLETICS Friday 19th February 2021
8.45 am – 3.15 pm
Tauranga Domain, Cameron Road, Tauranga

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and all Students,

Welcome to the 2021 Aquinas College Athletics! The event will be run during the usual school time frame with the expectation that all students attend this event. Please be aware of the organisation for the day.

1. **Bus Students (morning):** All school buses will provide normal service and normal pick up times and points for students, with the difference being that the drop off point will be at Tauranga Domain.

Bus Students (afternoon): All school buses will pick up students from Tauranga Domain at 3.00 pm to travel their normal route home.

BUS 808a SPECIAL INFORMATION: Bus **808a** will not be able to deliver students directly to the domain or collect them from after the event. This is due to the **808a** bus being a combined service with two other schools. The bus will transport students to school in the morning as usual. Students will then board one of the two charter buses parked at Aquinas, to bring them to the Domain. **After the Athletics event**, the students who normally catch the 808a Bus home will need to walk to Cameron Road First Avenue bus stop and catch their bus from there.

Non Bus Students: There are two options for these students.

- Arrive at school as normal by 8.20 am for 2 x buses to take them to the Tauranga Domain leaving school at 8.30 am.
- Make your own way to the Tauranga Domain to be there no later than 8.45 am

At the completion of athletics, parents/caregivers are expected to collect or have made arrangements for your child/ren to get back home via car-pooling or catching the charter buses back to Aquinas College. Two buses will leave the Domain to travel back to Aquinas College at 3.00pm Students can also walk to the bus stop at the library to catch other Bay Hopper/Urban buses (bus fare applies).

2. **All students** must have their own lunch, water bottle, sunblock, sun hat, shoes/socks for track events and arrive at the Domain in their PE Uniform (Years 7-10) and House Colours (Y11-13). A warm outer layer should the weather be inclement is advised. There will be hot food and cold drinks available during the breaks with cold items for purchase, so please bring money if you wish to purchase anything.
3. **Programme:** A copy of the programme is included further on. If you are able to attend please do! For students please note that this is regarded as a normal school day and that a roll check will be taken. (students not parents!!!)
4. **Events:** Athletes wishing to compete in the 1500m races will need to make their own way to the Tauranga Domain for an 8.15 am start time. Please ensure your child has **pre-registered before Wednesday 17th Feb for this event through the Sports Office in the gym foyer.**
We have been holding other events during school time: 200m, 300/400m, 800m, 3000m and Triple Jump. A programme of when these events are being held is displayed in the gym foyer. Students will also be reminded through the Daily Notices at school. Remaining events are listed below.
5. **Format for the Day Friday 19th February:** All students will rotate around a series of Field Events (Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put and Discus) as well as the 100m sprint, and for the better sprinters, House Relays. They will compete in their Houses across their respective Age Groups (Y7, Y8, U14, U16 and U19)
Students in the various age groups are competing to become their respective Age Group Athletics Champion.
6. **Cancellation:** If Friday's weather looks inclement and a postponement is necessary this will be put on the college website from 6.30am Friday 19th February.
If the day is postponed then buses will run as per normal and students will be expected in school uniform to attend class for a normal Friday Timetable (Week A).

Please Note: The Tauranga City Council has instigated a new policy whereby they no longer will offer a Reserve Day should the original date be postponed. Instead upon cancellation, we will have to hold the event at Aquinas College on the following Monday, 22nd Feb.

If you have any queries about the day, please contact the school (Jo Van Kol re buses) or myself directly re athletics.

Many Thanks

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Pre Events Programme Held at School prior to Athletics Day at Tauranga Domain

Please note that if you wish to enter these events you must get out onto the running track immediately at the start of lunchtime, be changed into suitable running gear and be at the start line ready to go!

Lunchtime Events Remaining Y7-Y13

Wednesday 10th February Y7 Boys and Girls 300m

Thursday 11th February: 3000m All ages Boys and Girls

Friday 12th February U14, U16, U19 Boys and Girls 800m

Y7 / Y8 Boys and Girls 800m (Held during P6, their normal sports period)

Monday 15th February U14 300m Boys and Girls

Tuesday 16th February Y8 Boys and Girls 200m

Wednesday 17th February U16 and U19 Boys and Girls 400m

Thursday 18th February Triple Jump U14, U16, U19 Boys and Girls