

AQUINAS COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Friday 23rd February 2024

Venue: Tauranga Domain, Cameron Road, Tauranga

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and all Students,

Please find below information about the 2024 Aquinas College Athletics Sports. The event will be held during the usual school time frame with the expectation that all students attend this event. Students will rotate around 5 different Athletic events in their respective age groups. These events are 100m, High Jump, Long Jump, Shoutout and Discus. At the conclusion of these rotations will be the 100m finals and the House relays.

1. Bus arrangements in the morning

All school buses, **except those buses shared with Bethlehem College**, 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.

There will be bus transport from Aquinas College for those students who share a bus with Bethlehem College or live locally and walk / bike to school. A bus will depart from Aquinas College at 8.30 to get students to the Domain by the start of the first event.

Bus arrangements in the afternoon

All school buses, **except those buses shared with Bethlehem College**, will pick up students from Tauranga Domain at 3.15 pm to travel their normal route home.

Students who normally travel by Shared buses with Bethlehem College : A bus will leave the Tauranga Domain at 2.30pm. Please note that these students may miss out on the House relay events.

Students wishing to bus back to Aquinas College a bus will leave the Tauranga Domain at 2.30pm. Please note that these students may miss out on the House relay events.

At the completion of athletics, parents/caregivers can collect or have made arrangements for your child/ren to get back home via car-pooling. 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 no later than 8.45am in their PE Uniform (Years 7-10) and House Colours (Y11-13).
3. **Food and Drink fundraiser**- Please bring some money as there will be a BBQ and cold drinks available to buy during the lunch break.

4. **Programme:** A copy of the programme is attached. Whanau are more than welcome to attend and watch the events. Please note that any students 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.
5. **Students** compete in their Houses across their respective Age Groups (Y7, Y8, U14, U16 and U19). These ages are at 1st Jan 2024.
6. **Cancellation:** If the weather looks inclement and a postponement is necessary this will be put on social media and emailed to all families. If the day is postponed then buses will run as per normal and students will be expected in school uniform to attend a normal school day.

If you have any queries about the day, please contact the school. For information specifically about buses please contact Jo Van Kol jvankol@aquinas.school.nz for other questions about athletics please contact Richard Watson rwatson@aquinas.school.nz

Many thanks

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