

Monday, 9 October 2023

2023 Skoda National School MTB Championships

October 4th - 7th 2023, Marlborough.

Waimea College was very proudly represented at the 2023 National Schools Mountain Bike Championships, by 11 talented Junior and Senior students in Marlborough, over the past week.

The competition involved *hundreds* of students from 124 schools throughout N.Z, years 7 thru 13, in three disciplines: Cross Country, Downhill & Enduro.

RESULTS -

CROSS COUNTRY: timed laps (12-18kms total) of grade 3/4 trails in Wither Hills MTB Park.

*U16 Boys - Fletcher Matthews 11th of 45

*U16 Girls - unfortunately Zoe Bonny DNS, due to injury just before event.

DOWNHILL: fastest timed race run, on Homebrook DH, grade 5 advanced single track, in Taylor Pass.

*U14 Boys- Jack Scott - seeding time: 2.35 min, Race: 2.33 min - 23rd of 35

*U15 Boys- Kurtis Milne - seeding: 4.11 min, Race: 2.15 - 27th of 62

*U15 Boys- Jude Malham - seeding: 2.10 min Race: 2.08 - 11th of 62

*U15 Boys- Callum Gussette - seeding: 2.26 min Race: 2.23 - 36th of 62

*U16 Boys- Lucas Malham - seeding: 1.52 min Race: 1.54 - 5th of 57

*U16 Boys- Fletcher Matthews - seeding: 1.56 min Race: DNF (puncture in tyre)

*U16 Boys- Josh Graney - seeding: 2.22 min Race: 2.22 - 39th of 57

*U17 Boys- Bruno Brown - seeding: 1.58 min Race: 1.57 - 4th of 29

*U17 Boys- Harry Shattock - seeding: 2.24 min Race: 2.35 - 25th of 29

*U20 Boys- Harry Brown - seeding: 2.10 min Race: 2.12 - 25th of 32

(U16 Boys category- fastest times of the day)

ENDURO: riding up - untimed, then combined times for 3 different downhill stages, grade 4 trails, Taylor Pass.

*U14 Boys- Jack Scott - 35th of 37

*U15 Boys - Jude Malham - 32nd of 64

*U15 Boys- Kurtis Milne - 46th of 64

*U15 Boys - Callum Gussette - 34th of 64

U16 Boys- Fletcher Matthews - 5th of 63

U16 Boys- Jerry Rush - 58th of 63

U16 Boys- Josh Graney - 50th of 63

U17 Boys- Bruno Brown - 3rd of 36 *earning him a BRONZE MEDAL !*

U17 Boys- Kieran Cassidy - DNF- (completed 2 of 3 stages - had a crash)

U17 Boys- Harry Shattock - 26th of 36

U20 Boys- Harry Brown - 26th of 35



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All students conducted themselves with excellent sportsmanship, maximum effort & enjoyed their experiences, some for the very first time - others, seasoned racers.



Massive congrats also to Harry Shattock —

He managed to win the major prize worth \$999 for accommodation for 9 & shuttles at the Wairoa Gorge MTB park, with a game of heads & tails!

Photo drop to follow -

I've been proud to be team manager for Waimea College for this event. Thanks Karla for all your support.

Regards

Anne Malham