

AQUINAS COLLEGE ATHLETICS
Friday 27th February 2026
Venue: Tauranga Domain

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and all Students,

Please find below information about the 2026 Aquinas College Athletics Sports. The event will be held during the usual school time frame and 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, Shotput and Discus. After these rotations, the 100m finals and the House relays will be held.

1. Bus arrangements in the 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 and pick up point will be at the Tauranga Domain.

There will be bus transport from Aquinas College for those students who live locally and walk / bike to school. A bus will depart from Aquinas College at 8.30am to get students to the Domain at approx 9am.

2. Bus arrangements in the afternoon

All school buses 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.

After 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).

Other Important Information:

1. **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
2. All students (Y7-13) should wear HOUSE COLOURED clothing appropriate for doing athletics in. If students do not have any house-coloured clothing, they should wear the PE/Sports uniform. They can add some house-coloured accessories if they wish! (Note, any face paint should be done BEFORE arriving at the Domain!)

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 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 on 1st Jan 2026.
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 normal and students will be expected in school uniform and 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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