



Dear Parents and Caregivers

The countdown has begun for the departure to AIMS. Below, please find important information regarding the week.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Departing SUNDAY 10 September at 9.30am. All students must be at school by 9am to assist with the loading of vehicles. Please ensure they have a packed lunch for the journey. Students should wear their light blue formal polo shirt, tracksuit pants (either NX issued or navy trackpants of their own) and hoodie.

ARRIVAL time back at NX Friday 15 September will depend on team results. Prize giving and Closing Ceremony will be held at the conclusion of each codes final on Friday, meaning departure from Tauranga for some teams will be after 4:00pm. Please ensure you are contactable and have cell phones close by on Friday 15 September for your child to give you a more accurate arrival time.

Accommodation:

Pacific Park Christian Holiday Camp – Papamoa Beach Road. Please do not ring your child on the Camp phone. To contact a student for any reason please contact me on 021 1280135.

Medical:

A medical form also accompanies this letter; please complete and return directly to the office asap.

If your child has any dietary requirements, you should have indicated this on registration on the Online Shop - if any new requirements have surfaced since registration, please email Christina England before Friday 25th August - christinae@northcross.school.nz

Transport:

During the week long AIMS tournament your child will be travelling from Northcross Intermediate School, departing 9.30am on Sunday 10 September 2017 and returning back to school Friday 15 September 2017 (time to be advised). For the week long tournament, each team will be allocated a minivan and a specified support vehicle or staff car that will transport the team between venues and the team accommodation. All support vehicles and minivans will have a current WOF, registration and the Driver's Licence of the driver will be sighted.

Upon registration on the Online Shop, you have indicated that you approve of your child attending the AIMS Games 2017 as part of the Northcross AIMS Team and have also given permission for your child to travel in a vehicle, that has been approved by the school, for the duration of the week.

****Please note: if you have arranged alternative transport for your child for the return trip to Auckland, detail of this, including your permission, must be submitted in writing to me before the event.**

Payment:

Please have all fees paid by **1st September**. Please feel free to contact Lynne Potts (in the office) if you have any queries in regards to financial matters.

Communication:

In order to keep you up to date with the achievements of the NX AIMS team, we will be using our NX Sport Facebook page which will allow everyone back home to stay in touch and see some of the action each day. If you are keen to see this page and follow our achievements, you need to search "NORTHCROSS SPORT 2017" and "like" the page.

It is important for you to know that we will be taking photos right throughout the week of all the different NX teams representing at AIMS. Each day we will upload photos to the page - **if you do not wish for your child's photo to be on our Facebook page, please email sport@northcross.school.nz and let us know before Friday 1st September .**



TEAM SELECTION DURING AIMS

As a school, Northcross attends AIMS with the aspiration to win the sporting codes we are competing in. With that said it is important for us to let you know our policy of team/player selection while attending this tournament.

All students who have been selected as part of an AIMS team have done exceptionally well to achieve this elite level, especially considering the depth and calibre of the talent we have in our school. However it is important to understand that some players may play a more pivotal role within a team than others, thus gaining increased time on the field/turf/pool or court. It is at the discretion of the coach to choose the **best** team that he/she feels would achieve the desired result against the opposition at hand. Our Coaches and Managers are experienced and we trust their judgement when making these decisions.

PARENT/SUPPORTERS CODE OF CONDUCT

We love having so many Parents/Supporters come along during the tournament and stand side-line, cheering and encouraging our teams - it gives our players a sometimes much needed boost and really gives them the drive and determination to give it a little more. It would be fantastic to once again, have many Supporters make the trip south to fill our side-lines with lots of positive encouragement. If you do plan on doing this, please make note of the following guidelines:

1. Keep it POSITIVE – make sure your comments on the side-line are encouraging and supportive
2. Please do not give advice to your child while they are playing – the Coach of the team is the only one who tells your child what they are to do on the field/turf/pool or court
3. The Coach and Manager of the team will be feeding your child throughout the day, the timing and quality of the food is very important and can affect player performance. If you wish to bring any food, please check in with the Manager of the team to make sure it's ok
4. It is very important to keep the team together, so we ask that you please refrain from taking your child away from the team. Even if there is a long break between games, we encourage all our teams to spend their down time supporting other NX teams or participating in team building activities

GEAR LIST

- Full school tracksuit (this will be issued on Friday 8 September)
- Full appropriate sports uniform
- Formal (Light Blue) Polo Shirt
- Northcross AIMS Hoodie
- Your sports gear/equipment (shin pads, hockey stick, goalie gear, etc)
- AIMS Book
- 2 x towels – bath towel /swimming towel
- Swimming togs
- 2 x changes of warm clothes – warm shirts, long pants
- Underwear and socks (enough for the week)
- 1 x Shoes plus appropriate sport shoes
- Tape – for holding up socks
- Pyjamas, slippers
- Plastic bag for dirty clothes and shoes
- Toiletries
- **Sleeping Bag and Pillow**
- Lunch Box and water bottle x 2
- Cell Phones - are taken at owner's risk.
- Limited spending money (not compulsory)
- **BAKING – to share with your team throughout the week**

Please ensure all clothes are labelled. Vehicle space is very limited so it is important to keep gear to a minimum, a soft sided duffel bag is ideal. Please remember all necessary sports equipment you may need.

Kind Regards,
Shannon Hale
Director of Sport
Northcross Intermediate