



AIMS GAMES 2024



AIMS Games take place in Tauranga in Week 8 of Term 3. The event is the largest annual school competition in the Southern Hemisphere and is an unofficial national championships for most of the Year 7 and 8 sports involved. Student inclusion in AIMS can take one of two forms - as an individual athlete overseen by a caregiver, or as a member of a team overseen by the school.

Northcote Intermediate has committed 7 staff to oversee teams at this year's AIMS games. With only 20 classroom teachers on staff, we are unable to commit additional staff to look after students entered in individual events, meaning that parents/caregivers would have to choose to attend to allow individual children to compete.

Individuals attending AIMS

Individual entries into AIMS Games must be made to the school by Friday 31st May. This date is five working days before the school have to submit entries. ***Withdrawing from AIMS Games after Friday 31st May will mean that you will be liable for the entry fee outlined in the permission slip.***

The following individual sports are on offer at AIMS Games in 2024:

- Badminton
- BMX
- Canoe Sport
- Canoe Slalom
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Indoor Bowls
- Mountain Biking
- Orienteering
- Rock Climbing
- Squash
- Surfing
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Yachting

For more information and to register your child for an individual sport at AIMS Games please complete this [Google Permission Form](#). Remember that this needs to be completed by Friday 31st May.

Teams attending AIMS

AIMS games are an unofficial national intermediate championship. Every year, Northcote Intermediate selects teams that we consider to be our most competitive to represent our school at this event. These teams will be staying together and overseen by the school. Teams will have a coach and a manager, one of which will be a NIS Staff Member. The teams confirmed to date are:

Netball Girls
Basketball Girls
Football Boys
Futsal Boys

One potential last spot for teams will be considered before the 31st May. The decision of who this would be, or if we will be sending an additional team, will be made in conjunction with our Senior Leadership Team and Sports Department. Sports being considered are Futsal (Girls), Football (Girls), Hockey (Mixed), Waterpolo (Mixed). Please note that a major consideration in selecting teams is the that students involved must have demonstrated that their behaviour and attitude warrants their inclusion.

Selection for these teams to date:

Netball Girls - As a seasonal sport, we will be taking a team of our top netball girls. We would expect the majority of these players to be Year 8. We will be trialling for positions for AIMS Games. Students should be under no misconceptions that we will select our top team regardless of year level or team they are competing in. Trials will be conducted by NIS staff as well as our 8/1 coaching team and participation in trials will be by invitation only - this is expected to include all of team 8/1 as well as invited members of 7/1 and 8/2. The dates and participants for AIMS Netball Trials will be communicated to those involved during June. Please also note that the AIMS Games team (not 8/1) will be representing our school in the Year 8 division of the netball zone day on Wednesday 31st July. This is the first step in the team to spend some time playing together ahead of AIMS Games.

Football Boys - Football is a sport we continue to excel in. This year our Year 8 Boys Football Team have already won both the Harbour Zone Day and will now take part in the Auckland Championships to defend the title they won last year. The team made up half last year's Football Boys AIMS Team that lost a single game at AIMS last year. Based on these results, we have complete confidence in our decision to take a football team to AIMS Games for the third year in a row. Mr Lemon will be coaching and selecting the Boys AIMS Games team and more information about selections will be announced in June. Please note that because the Boys' Football Teams have been trainings since the middle of term 1, selection will likely be made from performance at these trainings and at zone days. We will be taking a team of up to 14 players, 3-5 of whom will be from Year 7. This means that some of those that attended the Football Year 8 Zone Day will not be attending AIMS for Football.

Futsal Boys - This year's Futsal Zone Day clashed with school camp so we could not attend, that said, in 2023 we won both the Year 7 and Year 8 Boys titles. Futsal players are also Football players so we have complete confidence in our ability to select both a Football and Futsal team that will be competitive. The Futsal AIMS Team will be made up of a combination of the following players - Players that took part in the Year 8 or Year 7 Zone Days, Year 8 students who trialled for Football Zone Days but did not qualify for the team. More information about team selection will be available after 4th June.

Basketball - A Girls' Basketball team will be entered into AIMS Games. The team is easily the best performing of our top Basketball teams and we have high hopes for the team that finished 2nd at last year's zone day when they were largely year 7s. The process for naming the team members attending will then take place later in the term but is likely to consist almost entirely of current top team players being considered being invited to trial.

Transport and accommodation for school teams

Teams will be staying together at Aongatete Outdoor Education Centre and Lodge which is about 45min outside Tauranga in regular traffic. Transport will be a combination of the school van and hired vans that will be driven by coaches and managers.

Cost of attending AIMS for individuals competing in school teams

We are finalising costs for teams at the moment, but based on an initial budget, we estimate that student costs will be approximately \$550 per student. Students selected for AIMS teams will be invoiced these costs in two instalments - the \$350 in week 7 of term two, the balance will be in week 1 of term three. We understand that some families will find the cost of attending AIMS prohibitive and we encourage them to reach out to us so we can work together to find to find workable solutions. Please note that the above figures include \$12,000 of grant funding as well as revenue from a Mufti day and two bake sales that AIMS teams will all have to participate in.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards

Christo Peters
Sports Co-ordinator
christop@ni.school.nz