

# Australian Schools Championships Orienteering 2022

An excellent end to 3 days of Orienteering at the Australian Schools Championships.

The climax as usual was the relay event and culminated in both NZ teams finishing 1st and 2nd overall continuing their dominance of the Southern Cross trophy.

In the Junior Boys relay the NZ Harua team came out winners with Solomon Randerson continuing an excellent tournament for him with a very strong 2nd leg run to hand over to Matthew Greenwood. Matthew's experience in this terrain held firm and he comfortably held off the 2nd NZ team for the win. Harry Borton had a good 2nd leg run in that 2nd place team.

In the Junior Girls relay Georgia Lindroos ran a very strong 3rd leg to bring her team home with a 6 minute win. A composite NZ team created from the two NZ squads including Zara Toes and Madeline Bell coming in 3rd with Zara posting the fastest time of the day.

In the Senior Boys, the NZ teams finished 2nd and 3rd behind a strong NSW team. Sam Carryer running a strong 1st leg to give his team the platform to finish 2nd.

In the Senior Girls an incredible 2nd leg run from Zara Stewart saw her romp through from 4th to 1st and give Kaia Joergensen a lap of honour leg to bring the team home in 1st place with a 6 minute win. Molly McGowan had a strong 2nd half of the first leg to keep the team in contention for the win.

It's at this stage that I want to congratulate and thank Auckland club members Guy Cory-Wright, Jeff Greenwood and Kieran Woods for their impeccable coaching, organising and general all round incredibleness for taking both teams under their wings and getting this result. The level of preparation and coaching that went in ensured that the result was achieved.

Well done chaps. Neill McGowan