

VSSSA ASSOC TEAM REPORT

Wagga Wagga New South Wales - 2011

The Victorian Orienteering Schools Team travelled to Ovens, Wagga Wagga and Cooma this year to compete in the Oceania Long and Middle Distance Championship, the Australian Schools Championships, Oceania Sprint and the Australian Long Distance Championships.

The team was finalized at our second trial at Mt Towegower. A team was selected comprising of 4 junior girls (plus a travelling reserve), 4 junior boys (plus 2 travelling reserve) and 3 senior girls/boys.

The team travelled by bus between the 3 accommodation venues and events.

The accommodation at the Valley Homestead was excellent. I would highly recommend using this again if there is another major carnival in the area.

Oceania Long and Middle Distance Championship

Todd Neve 6 th M20E	Oceania Long
Sash Steers 3 th W14A	Oceania Long

The first two events of the carnival gave the team a taste of the sort of terrain that we would be competing in for the rest of the week.

Australian Schools Championships

The trip on the Monday then moved to the East side of Wagga Wagga to Borambola. The individual and relay championships were both held in the Murraguldrie Stae Forest. This consisted of spurs and gully terrain with many intricate rock outcrops. The events were very well organised, with appropriate standard of course setting. Our relatively inexperienced team competed at the best of their ability and most achieved a remarkable improvement as the week went on.

Results

Again Victoria put in a fantastic effort. All students were well prepared and determined to compete at their very best.

Overall result : ASSOC Individual Championships

Junior Boys

7 th	Nicholas Collins	37:17
19 th	Patrick Jaffe	47:41
27 th	Peter Collins	53:00
30 th	Tavish Eenjes	56:29
33 th	Finn De Lacy	63:48
MP	Sam Hassell	

Junior Girls

5 th	Lucy Fleming	48:54	(3 rd Australian)
10 th	Rosie Dalheim	57:37	
17 th	Lucy Marsh	87:39	
22 nd	Rebecca Jaffe	119:53	

Senior Boys

14 th	Todd Neve	73:04
27 th	Angus Robinson	118:30
29 th	John-Joe Wilson	130:53

Senior Girls

MP	Emily Hennessy	Retired injured
MP	Katie Marshall	Assisted injured competitor
MP	Jeorgia Pincini	

Overall result : ASSOC Relay Championships

Junior Boys	Nicholas Collins	Patrick Jaffe	Peter Collins	3 rd
Junior Girls	Lucy Fleming	Rosie Dalheim	Lucy Marsh	MP
Senior Boys	Todd Neve	John-Joe Wilson	Angus Robinson	8 th
Senior Girls	Katie Marshall	Jeorgia Pincini	Emily Hennessy	MP

Overall result : State Team Results

1 st	Tasmania
2 nd	Queensland
3 rd	New South Wales
4 th	Australia Capital Territory
5 th	Victoria
6 th	Western Australia
7 th	South Australia

The following students from Victoria were selected in the Australian Schools Representative Team: Lucy Fleming Junior Girls and Nick Collins Junior Boys.

The presentation dinner was also at Borambola, it was a pity that this wasn't a more formal occasion, however, the students had a great time at the disco, with the Victorians having a very blue Avatar theme.

The next day we started on the last leg of the trip to Cooma, for the Oceania Sprint (Friday) and the Australian Individual Long Championship.

Having the opportunity to attend these championships is a bonus for those students in the team who are from non-orienteering families and this is about half of our team,

General Comment

Overall the trip was very successful and the students enjoyed the opportunity to travel together, meet up with friends from other states and compete at a very high level. Steve Bird did an excellent job as Team Coach, and Nicky Stevens again worked hard and assisted both of us to ensure that the students had the opportunity to compete at their best and to have a great time. The students were very lucky to be able to learn from both their expertise.

This will be my last report as Team Manager as I have resigned from the position as of the end of the 2011 trip. I have enjoyed my time as Manager and would like to thank all of the Coaches and assistances, Blair Trewin, Adam Scamell, Roch Prendergast, Nicky Stevens and especially Steve Bird for all their help and support over the years.

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