

# Waikato Secondary School

## Event Sanctioning

***Please consider the following when selecting dates/times for your events/competitions:***

- School sport **must not begin during week 1** of a school term - except for Term 3. Please ensure competitions begin week 2 or later, this enables sport coordinators sufficient amount of time to organise teams to the best of their ability - reducing defaults
- Please consider the season of the sport
  - The sports focus in Terms 1 and 4 should be **summer** sport, and, in Terms 2 and 3, **winter** sport should have priority
  - Local and regional summer sports competitions take precedence until the end of summer tournament week - end of March approximately
  - Local and regional winter sports competitions take precedence until the end of winter tournament week - end of August approximately
- Please take into consideration the start time of your events and travel times, to ensure all schools have the ability to attend, an 8am start time will hinder rural schools attendance
- Please keep in mind the academic pressure students are under, where possible sporting events are requested to take place out of school time

### **Dates to avoid:**

Important dates in the Secondary School Calendar

**Term 1:** 30 January – 13 April (10/11 weeks) (Schools are allowed to start as late as 7 February). **No sports to start before Monday 13 February.**

Monday 30 January	Earliest start of Term 1
Monday 6 February	Waitangi Day
<b>Monday 13 February</b>	<b>Sport may start from this date</b>
Tuesday 21 February	South Waikato Swimming (TBC)
Thursday 23 February	King Country Swimming (TBC)
Friday 24 February	North Waikato Swimming (TBC)
Tuesday 28 February	Thames Valley Swimming (TBC)
Tuesday 7 March	Central Zone Athletics (TBC)
Wednesday 8 March	Thames Valley Athletics (TBC)
Thursday 9 March	King Country Athletics (TBC)
Friday 10 March	Mid Island Athletics (TBC)
Saturday 18 March	Waikato BOP Secondary School Athletics (TBC)
Tuesday 11 April	Waikato Secondary Schools Swimming
<b>Mon 27 March → Sun 2 April</b>	<b>Summer Tournament Week</b>
Thursday 13 April	End of Term 1
Friday 14 April	Good Friday
Monday 17 April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 25 April	ANZAC Day

**Term 2:** 1 May – 7 July (10 weeks)

Monday 1 May	Start of Term 2
<b>Monday 1 → Friday 5 May</b>	<b>No sport to start in week 1 of term</b>
Monday 8 May	Thames Valley SSSA Meeting
Tuesday 9 May	Hamilton and North Waikato SC Meetings
Thursday 11 May	South Waikato and King Country SC Meetings
Monday 5 June	Queens Birthday
Friday 7 July	End of Term 2

**Term 3:** 24 July – 29 September (10 weeks)

Monday 24 July	Start of Term3
<b>Monday 24 July → Friday 28 July</b>	<b>Ongoing sport may continue this week, but no new events/competitions to start in week 1 of term</b>
Monday 31 July	Thames Valley SSSA Meeting
Tuesday 1 August	Hamilton and North Waikato SC Meetings
Thursday 3 August	South Waikato and King Country SC Meetings
Monday 4 Sept → Sunday 10 Sept	<b>Winter Tournament Week</b>
Friday 29 September	End of Term 3

**Term 4:** 16 October – 20 December (Last possible finish date, most schools finish earlier than this) (10 weeks)

Monday 16 October	Start of Term 4
<b>Monday 16 Oct → Friday 20 Oct</b>	<b>No sport to start in week 1 of term</b>
Monday 23 October	Labour Day
Tuesday 24 October	Hamilton and North Waikato SC Meetings
Wednesday 25 October	Thames Valley SSSA Meeting (TBC)
Thursday 26 October	South Waikato and King Country SC Meetings
<b>Wednesday 8 Nov → Friday 1 Dec</b>	<b>NCEA Senior Exams (TBC)</b>
Wednesday 20 December	Last possible finish date for Term 4