

# Canterbury Secondary Schools Waka Ama Championship

## Venue Location and Set Up

Because of the closure of our original venue we will now be staging this event at Lake Rua, Sawyers Arms Rd, Harewood

- = Vehicle entrance    
 ○ = Race course    
 ○ = Admin  
○ = Canoe loading    
○ = Spectators



## Programme of Event

07:30	Waka and volunteers on site
08:15	Karakia
08:30	Event Briefing (Captains, Coaches and Steerers to attend please)
08:45	W6s Racing starts
12:00 (approx.)	W12s Racing starts
14:00	Event closing

## Event Admin

**Race Schedule:** The schedule of races will be finalised on Thursday night when entries close and distributed to all crew contacts, placed on Facebook, placed on Waka ama NZ website and Canterbury Secondary School site. This event will be run to time and no race will be held up while crews organise members so please pay close attention to announcements.

**Race Loading:** While there is a race on the water we will expect all crews for the next scheduled event to be in the loading area with their allocated steerer to allow for a quick progression between race.

**PFDs:** As this is an event sanctioned by WANZ all paddlers and steerers are required to wear an approved flotation device while on the water (no exceptions).

**Steerers:** A crew may provide its own steerer but this person will have to be approved by the Event Coordinator. All crews without their own steerer will be allocated one from our pool of experienced volunteers. Adult Steerers are only allowed to use a Poke / Jam (paddle against side of canoe) stroke during the actual race, no draw strokes or other active steering strokes to be used. Student Steerers are allowed to use any stroke they wish and are capable of using.

**Smoking / Alcohol:** Our venue and event is 100% Smoke and Alcohol free, this applies to all spectators, competitors and volunteers. Please ensure visitors intending to come to the event are aware of this.

**Food and Drink:** This year there will be a Coffee provider on site as well as a local Waka club running a sausage sizzle.

**Venue Facilities:** Given the isolated nature of this venue the only facilities on site are a number of Portaloos. We suggest that crews bring some sort of shelter from the sun and

dress warmly as there is a light Southerly (no rain) forecast. There is ample carparking but we request no one parks on the water front and leaves this area available for spectators.

**W12 crews:** Entries for this class will be taken on the morning of the event. At the National Secondary School event only Mixed crews are allowed to enter but for this event we will accept entries for either Girls or Mixed (this decision is based on current makeup of entries). Again as happens at Nationals mixed crews can be comprised of paddlers from 2 schools, please have a look at the race draw when it comes out and approach another school if you do not have enough paddlers to enter these races.

**Staff / Volunteers W12 race:** This race will be the first one of the W12 races. Each entry is encouraged to encourage its accompanying staff member / parent to have a go.