North Is. Secondary Schools Championships Regatta 2019

What an amazing couple of days we have had. On Thursday 7th March forty-four WCS rowers plus Coaches loaded up and headed for Lake Karapiro to compete at the 2019 North Is. Secondary School Rowing Champs. As always, the Regatta was huge with the boat park jam packed and 1857 rowers competing.

Friday heats day would have to have been one of the worst longest days of heats I’ve experienced with wind, rain, white caps & delays. I think we finally got home at 7.40pm. The WCS rowers coped admirably and just kept on producing great results no matter what was chucking at them. Saturday was much nicer, and the heat results kept on coming until we had fought our way in to a total of 18 finals, 11 x A, 4 x B & 3 x C.

Sunday, finals day turned in to what I believe to be Collegiate’s biggest ever haul of North Island podiums with an amazing total of 8 sets of medals and a further 3 fourth placings that were all within seconds of the medals.

Massive thanks to the Coaches, parents Sasha, Bees and Nat for leading the way, also, all the parents whom contributed in many ways especially those who toiled away keeping everyone fuelled up.

Some highlights for me were the U17 Boys quad Gold but even better was their Silver, less than one second behind the St. Peters Gold medal crew in the U18 event, U15 girls octo storming into a fantastic Silver and the U18 girls capped the day off with an awesome Bronze in the Premier U18 eights event. I have listed all of our medals, but a full set of results are available at: http://rowit.nz/niss2019/results

Boys u17 coxed quad sculls, A Final: Gold medal
Tim Haldane, Blake Hogan, Leo Hanna, Sam Yorston + Bella Stevenson-Watt

Girls u17 coxed four, A Final: Silver medal
Charlotte McKinlay, Phoebe Collier, Alyana du Fresne, Charlotte Robb + Hugo Dalgleish

Boys u18 coxed quad sculls, A Final: Silver medal
Tim Haldane, Blake Hogan, Leo Hanna, Sam Yorston + Hugo Dalgleish

Girls u15 coxed octuple sculls, A Final: Silver medal
Emma Pearce, Tessa Norman, Emily McKinlay, Gretel Murphy, Haana Kilmister, Annabel Symes, Samantha Hayes, Bridget Jones Long + Lucy Monckton

Girls u18 coxed quad sculls, A Final: Bronze medal
Lydia MacLean, Catherine Pearce, Phoebe Collier, Chloe Lennox + Hugo Dalgleish
Girls u17 coxed quad sculls, A Final: Bronze medal
Charlotte McKinlay, Phoebe Collier, Charlotte Robb, Ruby Hawley-Wedd + Bella Stevenson-Watt

Boys u17 double sculls, A Final: Bronze medal
Blake Hogan, Leo Hanna

Girls u18 coxed eight, A Final: Bronze medal
Lydia MacLean, Chloe Lennox, Charlotte McKinlay, Catherine Pearce, Phoebe Collier, Alyana du Fresne, Charlotte Robb, Madison Gundry + Hugo Dalglish