

# NSW Schools Athletics Challenge

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Last week, Meriden's Athletics squad competed at the NSW Schools Athletics Challenge, securing three podium finishes and qualifying for the National Schools Challenge, which will be held in Perth in December.

Meriden competed in three divisions, with the Senior Team earning first place, the Junior Team finishing in second place and the Intermediate Team finishing in third place.

The Meriden Senior Team were runners-up last year, but this year, claimed the gold. Leading from the first event, the girls were outscored in only one of the nine events, ultimately securing the final victory by winning the Medley Relay.

The Intermediate Team came close to securing a top-two placing, missing it by just seven points. Although the top two teams automatically qualify for the National Schools Challenge, the Intermediate Team has now also been offered a spot in the event.

The Junior A Team delivered strong performances, securing second place out of fifteen teams in this division. The team maintained its position with a four-point lead over the team that placed third.

The Junior B Team placed twelfth with a number of personal best performances.

The following highlights were achieved by students in their events:

- Olivia Achike – First place in Long Jump and second place in the 100-metre
- Ivy Askew – Second place in High Jump
- Karina Bell – First place in Javelin and High Jump
- Dominique Kaleel – Second place in Javelin
- Rekha Levine – First place in Long Jump and third place in the 200-metre
- Bronte Locane – Second place in the 400-metre
- Claudia Meaker – Third place in the 800-metre
- Ellen Murphy – First place in the 400-metre
- Emmanuella Omage – Third place in the 200-metre
- Ada Rand – First place in the 1500-metre
- Audrey Sutton – First place in Long Jump
- Sienna Sukh – Third place in the 800-metre
- Caitlin Yeoh – Second place in Javelin

Congratulations to the following students who achieved personal best performances:

- Olivia Achike – 100-metre and Long Jump
- Elaine Chen – 800-metre



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- Yolanda Dolenac – 100-metre and Long Jump
- Dominique Kaleel – Shot Put
- Sabrina Krebs – 100-metre
- Rekha Levine – 200-metre
- Bronte Locane – 400-metre
- Prapthi Ravindra – Javelin and 200-metre
- Caitlin Yeoh – Javelin

The following students made up Meriden's NSW Schools Athletics Challenge teams:

**Senior Team:** Karina Bell, Bronte Locane, Ellen Murphy, Ada Rand, Alannah Roberts, Alexandra Richards and Audrey Sutton.

**Intermediate Team:** Ivy Askew, Adriana Borg, Lily Johnson, Kiera Krebs, Rekha Levine, Claudia Meaker, Lexi Modena and Caitlin Yeoh.

**Junior A Team:** Olivia Achike, Lucy Greenhalgh, Sophie Lau, Indiana Middleton, Emmanuella Oimage and Sienna Sukh.

**Junior B Team:** Elaine Chen, Yolanda Dolenac, Dominique Kaleel, Sabrina Krebs, Cerys Leeson and Prapthi Ravindra.

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