

# Senior School Swimming and Diving Carnival

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The Swimming Carnival was a fun and enjoyable day for all the students at Meriden with fantastic swimming performances. This year, a new format was used, with the 50m pool split into two 25m pools. The first pool was used for the main competition events, whilst the second pool was used for the girls to earn valuable points for their House by swimming in either 25m or 50m events. This change greatly increased participation across the day and ensured that all girls, regardless of their ability, were able to get involved and support their Houses.

Audrey Mak was named Senior Swimming Champion after she recorded wins in all six races that she entered, with a very dominant display of swimming across all strokes. Runner-up, Isabelle Whitford, won gold, in all four form strokes, while Qiannie Yang placed third overall.



Amaya Korkis and Allegra Karagounis

In the Junior Division, it was a closely fought battle between Cairee Piniero, Chloe Joh and Ella Clayton. All the girls placed in every event they swam in, with Chloe just edging out the others with one additional gold to earn herself the title of Junior Swimming Champion. Chloe and Ella also battled well in the Fastest 10 50m Freestyle, but it was Audrey Mak who took home the trophy for Fastest Girl.

Sophie Kazda was crowned Intermediate Swimming Champion, after winning gold in all four of the 16 Years 50m events, along with the Intermediate 100m Freestyle. Zoe Rippon placed second, narrowly beating her sister, Olivia Rippon, by three points, after reaching the podium in five events.



Lyla Ram, Amarah Kwan and Mahi Nair

The relay events were hotly contested this year, which led to outstanding swimming. It was great to see five different Houses claim gold across the eight relay events.

In the sisters' race, Olivia and Zoe Rippon took home the crown in a very tight race, with Ashley and Andria Poon in second and Lucy and Molly Greenhalgh in third.

It was Year 12 who increased their winning streak to three years with another dominant win over the staff in the annual Staff versus Student Relay.

The Inter House Swimming Cup went to Warwick, with Lincoln finishing in second and Kent in third. The Class Cup was won by Year 9 Warwick.

Twelve students competed in the Meriden Diving Competition, with each student completing three dives on the day. The scores for each dive accounted for the difficulty of the dive performed. The competition was close amongst all the competitors, but in the end, it was Zella Modena who won first place, with Yolanda Dolenac finishing second and Amber Worden third. The student with the highest score on the day takes home the prestigious Allen Bull Diving Trophy; well done to Zella Modena, who claimed this title for the third consecutive year.

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