

Outstanding Team Effort sees Meriden Shine at IGSA Swimming & Diving



Meriden's Swimming & Diving Team equalled the school's best ever results at the recent IGSA Swimming & Diving Championships to place third overall in Swimming and sixth in Diving.

After finishing 4th in 2025, the girls were excited to see what they could achieve at this year's event. The day started well with many of the team members progressing through the morning heats to the afternoon's finals events.

There were many highlights on the day, including Ella Clayton winning Gold in the 14 Years 50m Backstroke and

Silver in the 14 Years 50m Freestyle and Audrey Mak a Silver in both the Senior 100m Freestyle and 17 Years 50m Backstroke and a Bronze medal in the 17 Years 50m Butterfly. Chloe Joh Cairee Piniero and Sophie Kazda all picked up a Silver in one of their individual events, with Chloe and Sophie also pick up a Bronze medal each.



It was a real team effort across the day with nearly all the girls improving their placings between the Heats and Finals. The Meriden relay teams also performed strongly winning Bronze in the hotly contested Junior Freestyle Relay and also winning Bronze in the last event of the day in the Open All Age 6x50m Freestyle relay.

In the Diving, all of the girls completed their dives to a high standard with Yolanda Dolenac finishing 4th in in the Springboard event which qualified her for the CIS Diving Championships.

Congratulations to all the girls on their success.

A summary of results from the action-packed event is listed below:

Medallists

Audrey Mak, Year 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior 100m Freestyle – Silver • 17 Years 50m Backstroke – Silver • 17 Years 50m Butterfly – Bronze
Cairee Piniero, Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Years 50m Butterfly – Silver • Open All Age 6x50m Free Relay - Bronze
Chloe Joh, Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior 100m Freestyle – Silver • 14 Years 50m Butterfly – Bronze • Junior 4x50m Free Relay - Bronze
Ella Clayton, Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 Years 50m Backstroke – Gold • 14 Years 50m Freestyle – Silver

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior 4x50m Free Relay – Bronze • Open All Age 6x50m Free Relay - Bronze
Isabelle Whitford, Year 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open All Age 6x50m Free Relay - Bronze
Jenny Li, Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior 4x50m Free Relay - Bronze
Kaylene Park, Year 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior 4x50m Free Relay – Bronze • Open All Age 6x50m Free Relay - Bronze
Olivia Rippon, Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open All Age 6x50m Free Relay - Bronze
Sophie Kazda, Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 Years 50m Backstroke – Silver • 16 Years 50m Freestyle – Bronze • Open All Age 6x50m Free Relay - Bronze

Best wishes to the following students who will now represent IGSA at the NSW CIS Swimming and Diving Championships:

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| • Lucinda Buckley | • Sophie Kazda | • Olivia Rippon |
| • Ella Clayton | • Jenny Li | • Isabelle Whitford |
| • Yolanda Dolenac | • Audrey Mak | • Rachael Young |
| • Isabella Gong | • Kaylene Park | |
| • Chloe Joh | • Cairee Piniero | |