

Meriden Shines at NSWCIS Swimming and Diving Championships

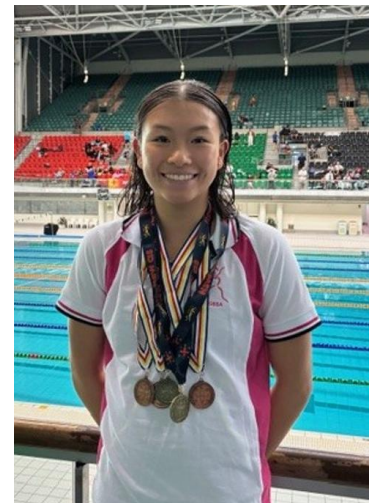
Meriden students delivered outstanding performances at the NSWCIS Swimming and Diving Championships, held at Sydney Olympic Park. Across the two-day event, Meriden competed in 21 swimming events and achieved a remarkable top-three finish in every one, an exceptional result.

The team secured a total of 7 gold, 6 silver and 9 bronze medals, showcasing the skill, determination and strong team spirit of Meriden swimmers.



Ella Clayton (Year 8)

Year 8 student Ella Clayton led the medal tally with a standout individual performance, claiming gold in the 50m and 100m Backstroke and 50m Butterfly, along with bronze in the 50m Freestyle.



Audrey Mak (Year 12)

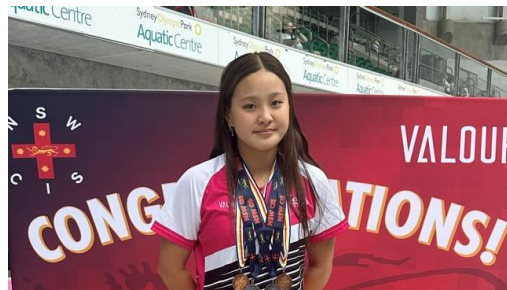
Audrey Mak in Year 12 also impressed, winning gold in the 17 Years 100m Backstroke and 100m Freestyle and adding bronze in the 50m Backstroke and 50m Butterfly.

Additional gold medal performances came from Cairee Piniero in Year 7, who won the 12 Years 50m Butterfly and secured bronze in the 50m Breaststroke, and Sophie Kazda in Year 11, who took out the 16 Years 100m Backstroke and earned silver in the 50m Backstroke.

Further podium finishes included Rachael Young in Year 9 with silver in the 100m Butterfly and 200m Freestyle, and Chloe Joh in Year 9, who claimed silver in the 50m Butterfly and bronze in both the 100m Freestyle and Butterfly. Lucinda Buckley in Year 9 also contributed with bronze medals in the 100m Backstroke and Butterfly.



Sophie Kazda (Year 11) and Rachael Young (Year 9)



Chloe Joh (Year 9)



Lucinda Buckley (Year 9)

Meriden's depth and teamwork were highlighted in the relay events, with a silver medal in the Junior 4x50m Freestyle Relay (Ella Clayton, Chloe Joh, Kaylene Park and Rachael Young) and bronze in the All Age 6x50m Freestyle Relay (Cairee Piniero, Isabella Gong, Ella Clayton, Lucinda Buckley, Sophie Kazda and Audrey Mak).



Lucinda Buckley (Year 9)

In the diving competition, Yolanda Dolenac in Year 11 delivered an excellent performance, securing silver in the Platform event and placing fourth in the Springboard against strong competition.



Junior Relay Team

We now look ahead to the NSW All Schools Championships later this month, where Meriden's relay teams and individual medallists will compete against the state's best. We wish them every success as they continue to represent the School with pride and excellence.

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