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1. How old are you and what school do you go to? I’m fourteen years of age and attend Barker College, located in Hornsby. I have been there since Kindergarten (2014)

2. What sport/s do you participate in and with which club/s? My focus with sports is Athletics, specifically the 400 and 800. I have competed for my school and my Little Athletics club, Parramatta. I have also been lucky enough to represent my state on numerous occasions at national competitions such as the recent Australian All Schools competition in Adelaide. I also enjoy playing Basketball for school.

3. What is your sporting goal? (As a long-term sporting goal, I would want to represent my country at the 2024, 2028, 2032 (and maybe more) Paralympics. Running the 400m in 2024, then running both the 400m and 1500m in 2028 and 2032. A short-term goal that I have would be to run at the next Oceania games for any event. Both would be a great honour as well as a fantastic experience for me.

4. What is your proudest sporting moment/achievement? Whilst it is very difficult for me to just pick one singular moment, I would have to say the recent Australian All Schools competition in Adelaide would be my proudest moment. Coming away with 3 gold medals and 2 personal bests will never fail to feel good. There are 2 other moments that come close though. These being when I first ran under 3 minutes for the 800m back in 2020, and more recently when I beat the Under 16 T38 800m national record running a 2:16.77.

5. What are your educational goals? I have the academic goal of averaging an A for my school subjects. I feel as if this is an important goal as it will set me up nicely for job opportunities.

6. What do you love most about competing in sport and being around other para-athletes? The thing I love most about competing would be the whole feeling of adrenaline that I get. I also find that every time I step on the track my mind clears up which is always a nice feeling. What I like about being around other para-athletes is the fact that all the athletes appreciate and understand each other and the efforts everyone puts in to get where they are.

7. Would you like to share any fun or interesting facts about yourself? An interesting fact about me is that I am fluent in two languages besides English. These are Italian and French. I also taught myself some basic Russian during the 2021 lockdown period.