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Christ Church Grammar School and Methodist Ladies' College appoint Jemima Horwood as Director of Aquatics



Earlier this year Christ Church and MLC decided to bring management of the joint Aquatic Precinct in-house from 2027. This decision reflects a shared commitment to taking a more active role in shaping its future. By managing the Precinct directly, the schools will be better positioned to align aquatic programs with their educational values and priorities, place student learning, health and wellbeing at the centre of decision-making, and develop a more connected pathway from Learn to Swim and school programs through to competitive swimming and water polo.

Today the schools are delighted to announce the appointment of Jemima Horwood as Director of Aquatics (Swimming and Water Polo), marking an important milestone in the development of the Aquatic Precinct.

Jemima brings a wealth of experience across competitive swimming, coaching, Learn to Swim program management and secondary school Health and Physical Education. Her diverse background provides a comprehensive understanding of aquatic participation and development, from building water confidence and fundamental skills to supporting athletes pursuing high-performance goals.

As an athlete, Jemima trained within the Western Australian Institute of Sport (WAIS) high-performance system, competed at Olympic and Commonwealth Games trials, achieved national-level success and represented Australia internationally. These experiences have shaped her philosophy that successful sporting programs combine high expectations with positive relationships, athlete wellbeing and a genuine enjoyment of participation.

Throughout her career, Jemima has been committed to creating inclusive and engaging environments where swimmers of different abilities and aspirations can develop their skills, build confidence and experience the benefits of being part of a team. She brings extensive experience in designing training programs, preparing athletes for competition and building strong relationships with students, staff and families.

Her appointment aligns with the schools' shared vision for the Aquatic Precinct: to create a clear and accessible pathway for swimmers of all ages and abilities. Through Physical Education, Learn to Swim, school swimming, squad programs, competitive swimming and water polo, the Precinct will provide opportunities for students and the wider community to develop their skills, pursue their interests and achieve their personal best.

The transition to school-led management of the Aquatic Precinct reflects the commitment of CCGS and MLC to placing student learning, health and wellbeing at the centre of aquatic programs, while also creating opportunities to extend participation across the wider community.

Jemima will be working with both schools in preparation for 2027.

CCGS and MLC warmly welcome Jemima to the team and look forward to the contribution she will make to the future of swimming and water polo across both school communities.

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