

2024 Australian All Schools, Brisbane

Westfields Athletics Club had 6 athletes competing at the 2024 Australian All Schools coming home with 8 medals. Each of our talented athletes either medalled and/or P.B.'d coming home with 8 medals and an Australian Championship record.

Alexia Mathison	U14 80m Hurdles	12.06 (0.5) 1h	11.92 (-0.1) PB	Gold
Alexia Mathison	U14 200m hurdles		27.83 (2.0) CR	Gold
Darcy Coote	U15 100m hurdles	11.37 (-0.7) 1h	11.00 (1.0) PB	Gold
Darcy Coote	U16 4x100m NSW team		43.01	Bronze
Phillip Botonis	U14 800m		2.04.22 PB	Silver
Phillip Botonis	U14 1500m		4.17.00	Silver
Ruby Kernaghan	U15 4x400m NSW team		3.43.87	Silver
Ruby Kernaghan	U15 400m	58.90 5h	58.20	7th
Amelia Darek	U16 Pole Vault		2.85 PB	Bronze
Summer Judd	U15 Hammer throw		28.09 SB	8 th



Alexia Mathison started off the Westfields campaign on the first day with one of the busiest schedules I've ever seen. She had the 80m hurdles heats and final, the 200m hurdles timed final and relay all scheduled on the first day.

An impossible situation that really should have given her no chance of performing to her best with the likelihood of fatigue setting-in.

Alexia Mathison's performances on the first day of competition elevated her to one of Westfields greatest-ever hurdlers. Setting an Australian All Schools Championships record in the 200m hurdles was amazing enough on its own. However, add to that the fact Alexia was competing up an age group makes it a remarkable performance. Alexia, 13 years of age, had to contest the U15 event because there is no event for her age at National Level. Furthermore, her time in the 80m hurdles was one of the fastest in the history of the event. I believe only one other athlete has ever achieved a sub 12 second time making Alexia only the second athlete to join this honourable status. A slight headwind was the only factor preventing her from breaking another Championship record. Alexia was just 0.03 seconds from achieving that. Clearly one of the most impressive WAC performances of all time.



Darcy Coote gave the most surprising result in the U15 100m. Darcy ran a brilliant heat time of 11.37 from a perfect push out of the blocks. In the final, Darcy received a warning for unsteadiness. This led to a slight holding back on the blocks when the gun fired. Darcy was in 5th place after 10 metres and moved into the lead after 20m. From that point he led to the finish line, despite a big comeback from his teammate from NSW Kenawa Gemanga to be only 0.01 seconds behind at the finish line. Darcy won in 11.00 seconds bettering Rashid Kabbas' 14 years record of 11.26. One can only imagine the 10 second club (sub 11 second time) would have been achieved had Darcy repeated his start from the heat.

WAC middle distance sensation Phillip Botonis scored a P.B. effort of 2.04.22 in 800m and another brilliant time in the 1500m to come home with 2 well earned Silver medals. Philip once again displayed his incredible finish in the 1500m when he came from 5th place with 120m to go to snatch the Silver medal.

Amelia Darek was brilliant in the U16 pole vault where she cleared a lifetime best of 2.85 metres and took home her first national medal in two years, a well deserved Bronze.

Ruby Kernaghan was courageous in her performances. She had to minimise her training and preparation for the Schools Nationals due to injury. Nevertheless she performed brilliantly in making the National final of the U15 400m and her leg of the 4x400m relay was inspiring and deserving of a Silver medal.

Summer Judd also threw a personal best performance in the U15 hammer throw to become a National finalist for the first time.

