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I am 14 years old and go to Mackellar Girls Campus. I compete in athletics (Manly Warringah Little A’s and UTS Norths) and football (Manly Vale FC and the Northern Suburbs Pararoos Development Centre) and I also play touch football for fun. I also love to take part in the Cerebral Palsy Alliance Triathlon club and a whole range of sports with the CPA Sports program.

My sporting goal is to make an Australian Team and compete at the Paralympics. My proudest sporting moment was making the Australian Team for the CP World Games this year in August in Spain and achieving 4 gold medals. My dream is to become a professional para-athlete.

I competed for Australia at the CP World Games in Sant Cugat, Spain in August 2018. It was an amazing experience! I loved meeting and competing against all the athletes from other countries and being part of an awesome team. We all supported each other and became great friends and made so many memories. It was also great being able to race against athletes from just my classification (and not having to wait for the calculations!)

Another amazing opportunity was when I competed as a Little Warrior at the Invictus Games. To be acknowledged in front of a massive crowd was incredible and then watching the bravery and sportsmanship of the Big Warriors competing topped off an insanely good day.

Fun fact about me: Everyone can’t believe how much food I eat – especially Spaghetti Bolognese!