**April 2023**

**Annabelle Callender**

1. How old are you and what school do you go to?

Annabelle is 14 years old and is in year 9 at Riverside Girls High School

2. What sport/s do you participate in?

Annabelle participates weekly in Frame Running and Wheelchair Tennis. She meets up with other Framerunning athletes as well as the Wheelchair racers at Sydney Olympic Park most Saturday mornings. She then goes onto participate in Wheelchair Tennis with the Adaptive Tennis Hub at City Community Tennis in Alexandria. Very busy Saturday mornings!

3. What is your sporting goal? (E.g. what level of competition?)

Annabelle’s sporting goal for both sports is to simply compete in some organised competitions. Ultimately she would love to get to Paralympic level, but mainly she just wants to participate to her best level and to continue improving.

4. What is your proudest sporting moment/achievement?

Annabelle has a few proud moments and achievements! Her best moment was achieving the first Australian records in Frame Running. She has also played tennis on centre court at Ken Rosewall Arena and completed the coin toss for an international tennis match at the 2023 United Cup. She is also proud to have played with Ben Weekes at a couple of her tennis training sessions.

5. What do you love most about competing in sport and being around other para-athletes?

Annabelle enjoys the challenge of constantly improving and pushing herself to achieve new heights. She loves to hear about other para-athletes experiences and she likes the fact that they get what it’s like to have a disability.

6. Would you like to share any fun or interesting facts about yourself?

Annabelle is very talkative and she loves to do wheelchair dancing.