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Hi, my name is Dominic and I attend John Therry Catholic College Rosemeadow. I'm 14 years old and in year eight.

The sporting clubs that I'm currently involved with are Campbelltown Collegians as my senior athletics Club, and Eschol Park as my little athletics club which I run with on Friday nights. In the winter I play special needs soccer at Macarthur Magic which is on Saturday mornings.

My long-term goal would to be to represent my country at the Paralympics or the Special Olympics.

Two things I'm really proud of that I have achieved earlier this year was being  named The Sporting Young Champion of Macarthur for 2022 and running at Athletics Australia national championships in March. I ran in the 800m and everyone was cheering me on when I got to the last 100m.

In terms of my educational goals I'm currently learning Mandarin and would love to be able to speak a lot more Mandarin by the time I finish Year 12.

The best part about competing against other Para athletes is seeing how much they have grown over the years especially since I have been competing against some of them since I was 9. I also love when I beat my own PB (Personal Best) times.

Another fun fact about me is that I consider myself an aviation enthusiast. I love planes and travelling on planes. My favourite plane is the Qantas A330.