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**Christian Georgallis**

My name is Christian Georgallis, I am an entrepreneur and athlete who has Ataxic Cerebral Palsy. Last year I completed my High School Certificate at Thomas Hassall Anglican College. I have a keen interest in business, and I am currently undertaking a Diploma of Business at Western Sydney University.

I also work one day a week at Sydney City Toyota and provide eCommerce consulting services to small businesses including selling second-hand goods on behalf of people as my own business. I have always loved sport from a young age and played Football from age five through to fifteen years old, with my father coaching our team.

Athletics caught my attention when my high school sports teacher suggested I compete on behalf of the college, and I ended up qualifying through to state level. I started competing in Athletics outside of college, firstly with Illawong Little Athletics and then with Hills District Athletics Club and I also joined a para-athlete training group called Team Zip with my coach Matt Rawlings and fellow athletes who have also become great friends.

I compete in athletics as a sprinter, my events include 100m, 200m and 400m but 100m is my favourite event. My proudest moments have to be at the Arafura Games in Darwin last year when I made the finals in the 400m as well as competing against some of the best athletes in Australia at Nationals (Commonwealth Games qualifiers) on the Gold Coast in 2018. My future goal is to compete in the Paralympic Games and the Commonwealth Games and aim to compete in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games in England in 2022.

I love athletics and run for that feeling of adrenalin, achievement and to get that next best time or next best qualifier. I believe anything is possible if you put your mind to it and believe in yourself to overcome obstacles along the way.

*If you want to hear more about Christian’s story, watch the interview below!*

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