

# MELISSA KLAMT

## CLASS OF 2005



*When Mel was young she wanted to be a policewoman!*

You might best remember Mel from the school swimming, athletics or cross country teams, or perhaps various leadership teams including the year 12 Prefects, or as the recipient of the “all-rounder” award at the end of Year 12 assembly. Maybe you just simply know her as that student that always smelled like chlorine from all the hours she spent swimming training before school.

### WHAT HAS SHE BEEN UP TO?

Mel started working as a swimming teacher during Year 12 and has since moved into coaching, currently working as the Head Junior Coach at the Nunawading Swimming Club, coaching state and national level athletes. During her time coaching, she has had the opportunity to attend international competitions with the Australian Deaf Swimming Team as Team Coach. Mel’s also coaching some of MWSC’s current students!

### WHERE IS SHE NOW?

Mel is in her 17th year as a swim coach, where she enjoys assisting in the development of young people, the challenge and strategy of developing training programs, improving technique and speed. As well as coaching, Mel also works at Melbourne Water teaching students of all ages and community groups about all things water, including sharing her love of the platypus and water bugs. These two roles allow Mel to work across all her aquatic specialties.

### SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT HER

Mel completed a Bachelor of Science (Honours) and PhD at Monash University. Mel was lucky enough to focus her research on an iconic Australian, investigating the impacts of land use and climate on the platypus. She is proud to have published her research in peer reviewed journals. She also developed a love for water bugs/aquatic macroinvertebrates after spending many hours collecting and identifying them under the microscope.

