

Lane Cove & UTS take swimming to a new level

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One of the state's oldest swimming clubs has entered into a partnership with one of the state's newest university's to take swimming to a new level.

The Lane Cove Swimming Club, based on Sydney's north shore, has just come away from its most successful national championship campaign.

Seven swimmers represented the club at National Age in Brisbane coming home with a Gold and Silver medal and several finalist positions; a month earlier, seven swimmers competed in the Olympic Trials for the first time ever, with the club's relay teams finishing inside the top 10.

The Club has now joined forces with the University of Technology, Sydney to offer an elite swimming program for UTS swimmers who study at its Kuringai and Ultimo campuses as well as recreational training for others who simply wish to keep fit.

The UTS Union has a proud tradition of offering a broad range of services to its members: from AFL and handball to speleology (caving) and ultimate Frisbee.

UTS Clubs Development Manager, Adam Cush, is delighted by the newest addition to the service offering:

"Swimming is one key sport that we haven't been able to cater for in the past but that's all changed now" he said.

Cush added "we look forward to working with the Lane Cove Club into the future... and of course becoming more competitive at the annual University Games."

UTS students will be also able to represent Lane Cove at local, state and national meets.

Lane Cove's Head Coach, John Thompson, said he was excited by the new partnership:

"UTS is a dynamic, forward thinking university that will be a perfect match for our up and coming club."

He added "I also hope that it opens the eyes of some of our younger swimmers to make them realize that they can continue competing at a high level after they finish school and, at the same time, pursue university studies."

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