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Lane Cove swimmers shine at All-Schools

Three Lane Cove swimmers are preparing to represent New South Wales at the National Schools Swimming Championships later this year.

16 year old **Phil Butcher** qualified for the team after a stunning performance in the 100 Butterfly at last week's All-Schools championships in Sydney – winning in a championship record time of 57.79 seconds. Demonstrating his versatility, he also won gold in the 50 Backstroke and silver in the 50 Fly.

Butcher recently returned from Perth after competing in the National Age Championships.

School and club team-mate, **Joshua Chang**, 17, also back from Western Australia, demonstrated his form by winning silver in the 100 Butterfly and bronze in the 50 Fly.

Butcher and Chang are off to Hobart for High School Nationals in August.

10 year old **Joseph Hilsberg** has been selected to represent New South Wales at the Primary School Nationals in Adelaide next month. He will compete in 50 Freestyle and 50 Backstroke.

Lane Cove Head Coach, John Thompson paid tribute to the swimmers. "To represent your club is an honour; it's very special indeed to be selected to represent your State. I have no doubt that Phil, Josh and Joseph will make New South Wales proud."

Thompson added "what was most pleasing about All Schools last week was that every Lane Cove swimmer swam well and walked away with at least one individual medal."

GOLD

Phil Butcher (16) 100 Fly (new record!), 50 Bk

SILVER

Phil Butcher 50 Fly

Josh Chang (17) 100 Fly

Fiona Robertson (15) 1500 Fs - 2nd in the 15 year olds

BRONZE

Josh Chang 50 Fly

Sally Gilbert (14) 200 Br

John O'Neill (12) 50 Fs

John Took (17) 100 Bk

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