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Swimmer Profile	
Name: Olivia Gold	<b>Age:</b> 17
Club: Neptune	Coach: Gennadiy Labara
About	

### **Greatest achievement in swimming:**

Being selected for the Mako's team. Medalling at Nationals.

#### Major goals for the next 2 years:

Continue doing personal best times and hopefully get a swimming scholarship to a University in America. Also qualify for Junior Pan Pacific Champs or Youth Commonwealth Games.

### What is your pre-race ritual?

Once I get behind the blocks, I always have to swing my arms and legs to make sure that I'm all loose and ready to go. I jump three times everytime and after that I stand there and just look down my lane swimming my race in my head going over everything I need to do.

# If you could only eat one thing for the rest of your life what would it be?

Watermelon.

## Who or what inspires you and why?

Sophie Pascoe is my inspiration. To once be NZ's youngest Paralympian and now be on top of the world with her achievements is something to look up to. The determination, courage and commitment that comes with success is undoubtedly visible in

Sophie and to do something that you have a passion for and to love it so much is what makes me have the desire to do my best.

## School/University/subjects/company/position?

I attend St Hilda's Collegiate School and am in my final year there. This year I'm taking biology, chemistry, physics, enlgish and Statistics to then do the health science course at University.