

# Mount Isa Athletics

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Seven Mount Isa athletes made up the majority of the North West Representative Team who recently contested the Primary and Secondary Schools State Championships.

Denzil Perkins, Breanna Waerea & Katidjah Fraser lead out first at the Primary Schools competition. Denzil (10) blitzed his way through the heats in the 100m and 200m events to make the finals in both sprints. He was not intimidated by his rather "sizable" opposition. A lunge on the line in the 100m was all that decided 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place which saw Denzil pushed back to 5<sup>th</sup>. The 200m however saw him improve his placing to 3<sup>rd</sup> which gained him selection into the Queensland Team and the opportunity to compete in the 200m at the upcoming Primary Schools National Championships in Tasmania in late November.

Breanna Waerea also stepped it up a notch this year placing 8<sup>th</sup> in the 12 year girls Shot Put with a throw of 9.80m and fulfilling her goal of making the finals at the State Championships. A finals berth eluded her in the Discus event with the newly learned discus rotation still to be perfected.

Katidjah Fraser while not making any finals had a hugely successful competition gaining personal bests in all the events she contested.

Less than 2 weeks later it was time for the Secondary Students to try their hand. 16 year old Carmen Preston continued with her impressive season with the Javelin hurling out a massive 41.17m throw eclipsing her best Club result by 4m. The distance was enough to secure her 4<sup>th</sup> place and was a mere 2m short of a possible Gold.

Mitchell Hujanen was a little off his best in the Under 16 years Hammer throw but was still strong enough to take out 9<sup>th</sup> place in his first State Championship with a distance of over 33m

13 year old Channai Hall bettered Hujanens' result by 2 placing 7<sup>th</sup> in the Under 16 year Girls Hammer with a distance of 25.88m. Channai is able to take solace in the fact she still has another 2 years in the Under 16 age group and is still to learn the highly advantageous rotation technique. She was also a little off her Discus PB throwing 24.40m to finish in 17<sup>th</sup> place.

Erin Faithful was less than pleased with her Discus result after ironing out a few kinks in her technique on the final training session she was plagued with balance problems which didn't allow her to achieve the 30m + distances she was hoping for. Erin also had issues in her Javelin and Shot Put events, again not performing to her own lofty expectations.

All the athletes should be very proud of their achievements at this level of competition and even prouder that the team finished with so many Top 10 results considering the facilities that many of the southern students get to train on makes the Mount Isa track pale into insignificance.

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