

Fish Eagle Swimming Club



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Swimmer Profile – Chanél van Zyl

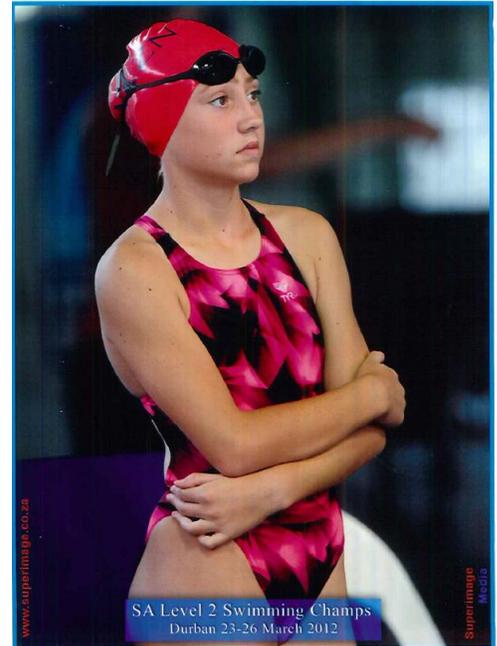
Chanél started to gain interest in swimming when she was just 6 years old! In Pre School she won most of her races at school galas. Chanél says that it was also her older brother that inspired her to swim.

She started club swimming when she was just 7 years old, and completed her first open water swim at the age of 9 years old! She says that she is proud of all the improvements she's made in her swimming over the years.

Chanél trained with Duné Meyer from the age of 6 to 9 years old, and then with Seagulls until the age of 12 years old. She currently trains with Deon Barrington, and swims for Fish Eagle Swimming Club!

Chanél has been competing in the Leomat 1000m Swim since 2009! She has earned her Northern Coastal Colours for swimming every year since 2009! She started competing at Level 2 champs from the age of 10 years old. In 2011 Chanél won the Victrix Ladorum at Primary Schools! In 2012 Chanél was part of the NKZN 4+1 Team that competed in Rustenburg.

In 2014 she swam for Empangeni High School at the uThungulu Schools Aquatics trials and went on to compete for uThungulu at the KZN Schools Trials. At the recent Level 1 champs in Bloemfontein Chanél made the finals in all her events and earned a bronze medal in the 100m Backstroke finals!



Chanél van Zyl at SA Level 2 Swimming Camps in 2012



Chanél at the Age Group Gala in Richards Bay!



Chanél at Level 1 Champs 2014 in Bloemfontein!



Chanél swimming at the Empangeni High Gala!

Chanél, now age 14 says, *"When I was younger I used to fantasize about taking part in the Olympic Games, but as I got older I just wanted to achieve my Natal Colours. To me nothing is better than knowing all those tiring, long and hard training sessions paid off, especially when I improve my personal best times each year. My passion for swimming is still as strong as the very first moment and every year turns out to be worth it!"*

An inspiring young lady! Chanél, we wish you all the very best for this coming season and look forward to watching you Fly Thru Water and achieve all that you set out to do!

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"We Fly Thru Water"!

