



Following the Dream

Debbie a teacher at Sinnamon Park, is about to travel with her family and other friends to the 2008 Beijing Olympics as a guest of a family friend who has business interest in Australia and China. They are all traveling on the friend's private jet and will be in China for three and a half weeks and will be watching different sporting events.

Debbie has been a keen swimmer since primary school and went on to club swimming (eventually being captain of girls Swimming and Water Polo at St Peters Lutheran College). She became involved with playing Water Polo and coaching as well. Also while teaching at Shapland Swim School Sinnamon Park she has assisted in coaching the junior swimming squad at St Peters Lutheran College under the guidance of Australian and Olympic coach Michael Bohl. Currently she is in her third year at University studying Bachelor of Secondary Education, majoring in Physical Education and Business.

Debbie's brother Henry who is 18, currently trains in the senior squad of St Peters Western Swimming Club based at St Peters Lutheran College and under the guidance of Michael Bohl. Henry trains along with Stephanie Rice, Nicholas Sprenger and Meagan Nay who are competing at the Beijing Olympics. They are looking forward to cheering them on at the Olympics! Henry is a breaststroker and has competed at a national and international level for school and club swimming. At the 2008 Australian Age Championships he won bronze in the 100m breaststroke. Henry is currently a member of Philippine Swimming and he competed in the 2007 South East Asian Age Group Championships in Singapore in the 100m and 200m breaststroke.

Mum and dad (Esther and Grahame) have been keen supporters of their children over the years and have also been involved with volunteering at St Peters Western Swimming Club since we moved to Australia from Papua New Guinea in 1999. My family and I were also involved with school and club swimming whilst living in Port Moresby.

Pamela, Kerrigan and all the staff wish them Bon Voyage on this wonderful trip.