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CHARLIE HAWKE

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

Rankin Park local Charlie Hawke has put in a strong showing at the recent Australian Swimming Championships in Adelaide.

Crediting his incredible performance to a move to the United States to focus on his training, 19-year-old Charlie made a real splash by making three finals, finishing second in the 200m butterfly, sixth in the 200m freestyle and seventh in the 400m freestyle.

He has recently completed his first year at the University of Alabama, where he is studying a double degree in Electrical Engineering and Physics, after securing a scholarship and a spot on their swim team.

He trained at Hunter Swim Club before his move, and his recent performance marked a number of personal best times.

To cap it off, Charlie has been named in the Australia A team to compete at the US National Championships in Irvine, California, in July. Charlie is hoping his achievements at the Australian Swimming Championships will help fuel him on at the Californian event, but he's keeping one eye on Paris and the 2024 Olympics.

I wish Charlie all the best, and I can't wait to see where his career goes next!