



CLAUDIA HOLLINGSWORTH

OLYMPIAN & TRACK AND FIELD STAR

IF SOMEONE HAD SUGGESTED TO SCHOOLGIRL CLAUDIA HOLLINGSWORTH IN LATE 2023 THAT SHE WOULD MAKE THE SEMI-FINAL OF THE 800M TRACK AND FIELD AT THE PARIS OLYMPICS AND GO ON TO CLAIM A SILVER MEDAL AT THE WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS SHE MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT THEY WERE CRAZY.

At just 19, Claudia has already had a career filled with some incredible moments that athletes can only dream of. In April 2024, she blitzed the field at the Australian National Championships, earning herself a spot as a debutante in her first Olympic Games and a reputation as one of Australia's most exciting young sporting talents.

In a highly competitive field at the Paris Olympics in August 2024, Claudia wowed with a mature, clinical and confident run that saw her come second in her heat and sail straight through to the semi-finals. While she did not progress to the coveted final, she showed the world that she was one to watch and cemented that with a silver at the Junior World Championships in Peru in late August.

To many observers, Claudia's swift rise to the top is not unexpected. She first captured attention at primary school when she was selected for the Pacific School Games and competed at the National Primary Schools Cross Country. Having been an avid Australian Rules football player with the East Brighton Vampires and the Sandringham Dragons, Claudia originally considered applying to the AFL Women's draft but ultimately track and field won her heart. And when world 5000m bronze medallist Craig Mottram became her coach, her track-and-field career really started to gain momentum.

While still at high school, Claudia earned selection for the 2022 World Athletics Championships in Oregon where she ran the 800m; that event was followed by the World Under 20 Championships in Columbia where she was forced to choose between her two preferred events – 800m and 1500m. She chose the 800m. It proved to be a good decision.

In April 2024 after a stunning 800m run at the Australian Championships she crossed the finish line first with a time of 1:58:40, breaking the Australian Under 20 record she had set in February, her jubilant family cheering her on all the way.

As her star rises, Claudia is devoting her energy to areas where she can make a difference. She is passionate about empowering women in sport and, more broadly, supporting people in the community to be their best selves; in 2025 she'll begin studying occupational therapy at university.

Claudia's other big passion is sustainability. Having grown up in a family committed to leaving a light footprint on the planet, who were regularly involved in beach clean-ups, Claudia feels very connected to the environment. As a child, she loved school projects about cleaning up the planet and would write emails to politicians about scrapping plastic bags.

With a mature outlook, a passion for the community and environment, and an outstanding debutante performance in Paris, it's clear that Claudia Hollingsworth has a very bright future ahead. During the Green and Gold Decade of sport as we head towards the Brisbane Olympics in 2032, Claudia is set to become one of Australia's most talked-about athletes.

Claudia is available for various opportunities across media and PR, brand partnerships and corporate speaking.

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