The Scots College gained its very own Olympian when Yvette Higgins commenced as the new Director of water Polo at the beginning of this school year. Yvette is remembered for a special moment in Australian Olympic history — with only 1.3 seconds remaining, Yvette scored the winning goal against America in the water polo final in the Sydney 2000 Olympics, securing the gold medal for Australia.

As a new member to the Scots sports staff, Yvette will initially ‘sit back’ and observe what opportunities for improvement exist in the current water polo program. In time, she plans to incorporate ideas she has learned from the Australian Water Polo Coach and her experiences as an Olympian and Head Coach of the Women’s Water Polo Club at Sydney University.

“It is important to create as many opportunities in water polo as possible for the boys and supporting them in their ambitions.” said Yvette.

The current Australian Water Polo Captain, Scots Old Boy Tom Whalan, is about to compete in his fourth Olympics and remains involved with Scots, supporting the outstanding tradition that Scots holds in water polo.

“It would be great to see more Scots boys go on to represent Australia in the future.” said Yvette.

Yvette’s aspiration for Scots is to ensure that all the different aspects of the water polo environment are professional, ranging from cross training and gym work to coaching.

She will also continue to develop the importance of teamwork, goal setting, persistence and dedication with the Scots Water Polo team.

“Our students have welcomed our call to embrace excellence as their benchmark for all facets of their lives. They have embraced the challenge we set before them. With Yvette becoming a member of the Scots staff it offers students another incredible opportunity,” said Dr Ian PM Lambert, Principal of The Scots College.

As one of the youngest members of the Olympic Water Polo team at age 22, Yvette has demonstrated what can be achieved at a young age and is in a good position to mentor the Scots boys.

Prior to her appointment at Scots, Yvette had her own water polo coaching business in addition to teaching physical education, and is pleased that she can now combine her two passions at Scots — teaching and coaching.