Performance Lifestyle:

The 'ideal' swimming parent...

1. Stays **relaxed** and **positive** during competition and is equally **supportive** regardless of the outcome.



- 2. Understands the demands of the swimming.
- 3. Gives their child **space** and **talks about other things** after a bad performance.





- **4. Works closely with the coach** and leaves the analysis of the race or competition to them. Any analysis you do have you talk through with the coach.
- 5. Sees beyond winning and losing and recognises the performance and the experience for their child.



- **6.Believes** in their child but is also **realistic** about where they are and where they could go.
- 7. Gives their child **ownership** and **responsibility** by allowing their child's opinion and thoughts to be heard and valued.



- 8.Is **aware** of the damage of self-fulfilling prophecies such as— "You never win when its close", "You're too slow" "You don't have that winning mentality". These can help to create that situation in the future.
- 9. Keeps in mind the **bigger picture** and understands why they are **investing** in their child's sport and all the benefits their child get from it.



10.Recognises that they are a **parent first and foremost** and that sometimes, that is all their child wants and needs them to be.



