



## 2025 - 2026 Coaching Team



**Jordan Stanley**

Jordan joins the Westlake Girls rowing programme as Head Coach this year and is also returning to teach at the school after a stint in business advisory. Starting rowing at Westlake Boys, Jordan's placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Maadi Cup before going on to represent New Zealand at Junior and University level, and winning national medals and titles with North Shore Rowing Club. He has been the Head Coach at Westlake Boys, coached the University of Cambridge to victory over Oxford in the Boat Race, and most recently won the Maadi Cup, Springbok Shield and Boys U18 Pair with Westlake Boys. Additionally, he is a NZ U19 Selector and Auckland Rowing Association Board Member. Jordan is excited to join Westlake Girls this season and work alongside a hugely talented coaching team to help build the Westlake Girls programme to new heights!



**Ella Campbell**

Ella's rowing and coaching journey began at Westlake Girls, and she is very excited to be back as an assistant coach this season. As an athlete, she won multiple national medals for North Shore Rowing Club and went on to represent New Zealand at University level. She has previously coached Westlake Girls crews to win national titles in the U15 4+, 4x+, and U17 4x+. For the past two years she has been leading the North Shore women's squad and has also coached New Zealand crews, working with the North Island, U21, and U22 teams. She is looking forward to another successful season with the swans!



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**Molly Judson**

Molly has recently moved to Auckland from Christchurch to study physiotherapy after completing a Bachelor of Sport Coaching at UC. Molly rowed for two seasons at school and a further four years at Avon Rowing Club. For the past four years she has been coaching at Cashmere High School, predominantly in girls sculling, supporting the programme to national titles in the U15 8x+, U16 4x+, U17 4x+ and U18 4x+. She has also been involved with the Light Blues programme this winter and will be coaching the Girls 4x+ as they prepare to race in Australia. She is super excited to be joining WGHS rowing this season!

### **Michelle Chandler**

Michelle started coxing in the inaugural Rangitoto College squad coached by the wonderful Jane Stanley, with success in school crews and rowing for North Shore Rowing Club, winning national titles and medals across grades all the way up to Premier. Michelle represented NZ for 5 years from Junior to Elite level, including placing 4th and 7th at the 1990 and 1991 World Champs in the women's eight.

Prior to returning to the world of rowing as a coach at Westlake Girls, Michelle raised 3 kids and held a corporate management role, ran her own swim school for 4 years, and coached netball for primary, college and local representative teams. She is now studying occupational therapy at AUT, teaching puberty to primary school children, helping out a small local college Wentworth with their rowing program and looking forward to an awesome season with Westlake Girls.



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**Amber Williams**

Amber began rowing as a coxswain in high school, gaining selection into the South Island team as an U16 and U17, becoming the captain in her second year. In 2020 she went to Otago University on a Performance Scholarship and was selected for the team to travel to China. Since then, she has won the Women's Championship 8+ at University Champs in and gold with the Avon Men's Senior 8+ and Men's Premier 8+ at Nationals earning a red coat and the Alan Boykett Memorial Trophy. From 2022–2024 she coached at Rangiruru Girls' School, working with novices and U16s before heading overseas on her OE. She has now moved to Auckland to study a Masters in Physiotherapy and is excited to join the Westlake coaching team and work with the girls this season!



**Sophie Bowden**

Sophie has recently moved to Auckland from Christchurch to study a Masters in Physiotherapy. She started rowing at Christchurch Girls' High School in 2015, and was selected for the South Island team in 2017. In 2020, She returned to CGHS as a coach before heading off to university overseas. Sophie spent four years rowing at Indiana University in the United States, where she captained the team, competed at three national championships, and helped secure back-to-back second-place finishes at our conference championships. Sophie is really excited for the upcoming season, and can't wait to coach all the girls and see them go fast!