

Athlete profile no. 2

# Kurt Jenner

D.O.B. 07/07/1993

Coach: Fred O'Connor (2005-2015,) USA (2016), Andrew Murphy (2017-)

Occupation: Student

Club: Joined Westfields A.C. in 2005, became life member in 2016

## Progression

Year	Long Jump
2005 (12 years)	5.87
2006 (13 years)	6.47
2007 (14 years)	6.70
2008 (15 years)	(7.19w)
2009 (16 years)	7.26
2010 (17 years)	7.41 (7.47w)
2011 (18 years)	7.50 (7.62w)
2012 (19 years)	7.49
2013 (20 years)	7.39
2014 (21 years)	7.69
2015 (22 years)	7.45
2016 (23 years)	7.63



## Internationals

**2005 Pacific Schools Games** 1<sup>st</sup> Place Long Jump 5.87 (Pacific Games record)

**2008 Pacific Schools Games** 1<sup>st</sup> place Long Jump 7.19 (Pacific Games Record)

**2009 Australian Youth Olympics** 1<sup>st</sup> Place Long Jump 7.12

**2009 World Youth Championships, Italy** 17<sup>th</sup> Long Jump 7.24

**2009 World Schools Games, Qatar** 4<sup>th</sup> place Long Jump 7.26

**2010 Youth Olympics, Singapore** 17<sup>th</sup> Long Jump 7.12

**2010 Brazilian Open Championships, Sao Paulo** 8<sup>th</sup> place 7.41

**2015 Arkansas Open, Arkansas USA**, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Long Jump 7.45

**2016 NCAA Division 1 Championships, Eugene, USA**, 20<sup>th</sup> Long Jump 7.24

## National Championships:

**2005 Australian Little A's Team Events** (Canberra) - Gold medal Long Jump 5.78, 100m Silver 11.73, 200m Gold medal 24.22

**2006 Australian All Schools** (Sydney) – U14 Gold medal Long Jump 6.47 (All Schools record), 200m Gold medal 23.46, High Jump Bronze 1.76.

**2007 Australian All Schools** (Sydney) – U15 Gold medal Long Jump 6.70.

**2008 Australian All Schools/Pacific Schools Games** – Gold medal Long Jump 7.19 (Pacific Games Record)

**2010 Australian Youth** (Sydney) – U20 Silver medal Long Jump 7.30, U18 Gold medal Long Jump 7.18

**2010 Australian Open** (Perth) – 6<sup>th</sup> place Long Jump 7.47

**2010 Australian All Schools** (Melbourne) – U18 Gold medal Long Jump 7.38

**2012 Australian Junior** (Sydney) U20 Silver medal 7.37

**2013 Australian Open** (Melbourne) Open Silver medal 7.38

## NSW Championships

**2006 NSW CHS** – Gold medal 13's Long Jump 6.44, Gold medal 100m 12.57, Gold medal 200m 24.33, Silver medal High Jump 1.70

**2006 NSW All Schools** – Gold medal 13's Long Jump 6.39, Gold medal 100m 12.10, Gold medal 200m 23.82, Bronze medal High Jump 1.65

**2007 NSW Youth** – Gold medal 200m (22.53)

**2007 NSW CHS** – Silver medal 14's Long Jump 6.04, Silver medal 200m 23.12

**2007 NSW All Schools** – Gold medal 14's Long Jump 6.41

**2008 NSW Youth** – Gold medal U16 Long Jump 6.72, Gold medal 200m 23.22.

**2008 NSW CHS** – Gold medal 15's Long Jump 6.79, Gold medal 200m 23.01, Gold medal 100m 11.75,

**2008 NSW All Schools** – 15's Gold medal Long Jump 6.89, Silver medal 100m 11.36, Gold medal 200m 22.60  
**2009 NSW U20** – Gold medal Long Jump 6.90  
**2009 NSW Open** – 6<sup>th</sup> Long Jump 6.85  
**2009 NSW CHS** – Gold medal Long Jump 6.83, Silver medal 100m 11.47, Bronze medal High Jump 1.85  
**2009 NSW All Schools** – 16 years Gold medal Long Jump 7.03, 5th 200 22.67,  
**2010 NSW U20** – Gold medal Long Jump 6.95  
**2010 NSW Open** – Gold medal 7.14  
**2010 NSW CHS** – Gold medal 17's Long Jump 6.97, Silver medal 200m 22.89  
**2010 NSW All Schools** – Gold medal 17's Long Jump 7.09  
**2011 NSW Junior** – Gold medal 7.32  
**2011 NSW Open** - Gold medal 7.62  
**2012 NSW Open** – 6<sup>th</sup> 6.99  
**2014 NSW Open** – 6<sup>th</sup> 6.92  
**2014 NSW Open** – Gold medal 7.40

#### RECORD(S):

**2005 Pacific Schools Games Record** – 12's Long Jump 5.87  
**2006 NSW CHS record** – 13's Long Jump 6.44  
**2006 Australian All Schools Record** – U14 Long Jump 6.47

#### RANKINGS:

Australian 2010 – Open	7.40 Number 10
Australian 2010 – Junior (U20)	7.40 Number 1
Australian 2010 – Youth (U18)	7.40 Number 1
Australian 2011 – Open	7.50 Number 11
Australian 2011 – Junior (U20)	7.50 Number 3
Australian 2012 – Open	7.49 Number 9
Australian 2012 – Junior (U20)	7.49 Number 2
Australian 2013 – Open	7.39 Number 10
Australian 2014 – Open	7.69 Number 3
Australian 2015 – Open (indoor)	7.45 Number 2
Australian 2016 – Open	7.63 Number 10

Never defeated at National level (6 out of 6) in his age group Kurt Jenner is the latest O'Connor long jump product and potentially one of the best. Kurt burst onto the scene in his last year of primary school and already a as member of the Westfields Club and training with Fred he set the 2005 Pacific Games on fire with a record leap of 5.87m as a 12 year old. Within 12 months Kurt won his first National title setting a new Australian Schools record of 6.47 as a 13 year old in 2006. These performances were turning heads and Fred was quick to observe that Kurt was leaping further than Fabrice Lapierre, John Thornell and brother Dale were at that age.

An incredible story when you consider that Sarah and Gary Jenner have three sons and all of them have medalled at National level in athletics. Oldest brother Dale had also developed as an elite long jumper winning numerous State and National titles culminating in his 4<sup>th</sup> placing at the 2005 World Schools Games. An incredible feat considering Dale was competing with pain killing injections for a stress fracture. Even more amazing were the brotherly performances in Hobart at the 2005 Pacific Schools Games: Dale set a new Pacific record in the 17's long jump and Kurt doing the same in the 12's long jump.

Kurt's progression table (above) is testament to an amazing future career and his appearances at 7 International tournaments is unsurpassed in Westfields history by an athlete so young.

2010 started on a high when Kurt became one of the youngest athletes ever to make a national open final finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in the final of the Australian Open with an impressive 7.47m leap. 2GB's Alan Jones didn't even need to be told about Kurt when in an interview with Dan Suchy about Westfields 4 Commonwealth Games qualifiers, Alan said "don't tell me about Kurt, I'll get to him in a minute .....what about this incredible 16 year old finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in the Long Jump with 7.47 metres, another one of Fred's athletes". Probably Kurt's biggest honour came in 2010 when after a somewhat personally disappointing placing at the first IOC Youth Olympics held in Singapore he won the Adhemar Ferreira da Silva Scholarship. The youngest ever to do so, a chaperone was required to escort Kurt and coach Fred to Brazil to satisfy the D.E.T. duty of care regulations. Brazil became a turning point for Kurt who needed a psychological boost after Singapore. Never before had the pressure been so great on Kurt; a trip half way around the world and a starting list in the men's long jump that was speckled with 8 metre plus jumpers. Included in the program was Irving Saladino and the current Olympic Youth Champion. There were 22 starters in all and Kurt would

have to make the top 12 to get a start in the final. He breezed through the preliminaries alongside 2007 Scholarship winner Cleiton dias Sabino who narrowly scraped into the final despite the fact his P.B. (7.70m) is far superior to Kurt's. Kurt was jumping brilliantly in the final with his best effort of 7.41m getting him into the top 8 for an extra 3 jumps. At one stage Kurt was sitting in 4<sup>th</sup> place and looked like he might just snatch a minor medal. It almost happened with his 5<sup>th</sup> round jump, a close foul, being around 7.70m. Kurt finished 8<sup>th</sup> when the dust had settled and it was an extremely rewarding result for Fred and his protégé. Time will tell how far this young man can go. In the mean time he has the respect of the World's most achieved long jumper in 2010. The man who leaped 8.78 metres this year and won the World Indoor title for long jump, Fabrice Lapierre, has very good words to say about Kurt, and if dedication, tenacity and talent are what it takes to achieve, then Kurt will soon become WAC's third athlete in history to break the 8 metre barrier. Most recently in 2013 Kurt won the Australian Open silver medal behind Fabrice and now in 2014, at the time of writing, Kurt has just leaped a new personal best of 7.69 metres; just one centimetre short of the Commonwealth Games standard.

More recently Kurt decided to accept an offer to The University of Arkansas (razorbacks) and upon arrival in 2015 he was turning heads with top 3 finishes in various meets. His most impressive performance was to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Arkansas open with a brilliant 7.45m indoor leap. By season's end he had qualified to compete in the prestigious NCAA division 1 Championships (considered by most to be at least as significant as the US Track & Field Championships). In Kurt's own words he did not jump well carrying an injury that had been worsening in the weeks leading up to the big meet.

Kurt sought financial assistance to sustain himself at the University and unfortunately, although promised several times, it was not forthcoming and Kurt after much agonising made the difficult decision to return home to Sydney, where he will resume his athletics career.

#### Interesting facts:

- Kurt became the youngest athlete ever to win the 2006 Queen Elizabeth Award (most outstanding athlete at the NSW CHS Championships) winning 4 Gold, 1 Silver and a State record.
- Kurt contested two Pacific Schools Games (they only occur every 4 years) and he won the long jump at both and set Pacific records at both.
- Dale Jenner (Kurt's older brother) contested the 2005 World Schools Games finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the long jump. Kurt contested the 2009 World Schools Games also finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the long jump.
- Kurt has contested 6 National titles in his age group and is undefeated in the long jump winning all 6 titles.
- Not counting relays or Little A's events, Kurt has won 23 State Titles, 6 National titles and 3 International titles.
- In 2013 Kurt won the National Open Silver medal behind fellow club member Fabrice Lapierre in an historic one-two finish for the Westfields athletics Club.
- Although the statistics are not readily available Kurt and Fabrice would be on a short list of Australians who have competed at the NCAA Track & Field Championships







