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EMILY WRIGHT (SKI-ING)

Emily is a 17 year old with considerable talent and potential in ski-ing. She is currently the youngest member of the NZ Alpine Ski Team having gained selection in 2010. She has been ski-ing competitively since the age of 10 and has won many Canterbury, South Island and National titles. In 2009 she represented NZ as a member of the Children's National Team at the Whistler Cup in Canada and achieved top 30 places in all disciplines. In 2010 she was the Canterbury and South Island secondary schools champion and also National Champion in the FIS J1 Slalom and J1 Giant Slalom under 17. She was also selected to represent NZ at the World Junior Championships in Switzerland but was unable to attend. Over the past three NZ summers she has trained for several weeks in North America. She is currently ranked 7th in NZ in Slalom, 8th in both Giant Slalom and Super G and 4th in downhill. Her current world ranking for age is 181.

Emily has been training with Team Hutt this season and intends competing in selected NZ FIS races including the National Championships, the Australia New Zealand Cup and the Winter Games. At the end of the year she will return to Carrabassett Valley Academy in Maine USA to gain further experience and development. Her aim is to become New Zealand's top female ski racer within 5 years and gain selection for the Winter Olympics in 2018 and possibly even 2014 depending on progress. This will be a challenge given the demands of the sport and the need for balance between a ski racing career and her education. She is currently in Year 12 at St Andrews College, studying for NCEA level 2. She is hoping to train full time when she has completed school.

Emily has already achieved a high standard in her sport and has the attitude and desire to move to the next level. She is ready to assist others and inspire them to achieve their goals. She is a very worthy recipient and the award will assist with her development. We wish her well as she strives to reach the top.

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