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DELOITTE SCHOLARSHIP APRIL 2013

MATTHEW HUTCHINS (SWIMMING)

Matthew is an 18 year old with considerable promise in swimming. He is one of NZ's brightest young male swimmers. He has been coached by Martin Harris for 7 years and is a talented and dedicated member of the Wharenui National Squad. The 5.30am training times are tough but he attends 8-9 morning and afternoon sessions per week. He has already represented NZ at the Trans Tasman Tri series in 2010 and 2012, winning 11 out of 13 individual/team events entered in 2012 and breaking Canterbury age group records in each including 2 open records and the Youth Commonwealth Games on the Isle of Man in 2011, where he won gold in the 400m freestyle, silver in 200m and 1500m freestyle and bronze in 4 x 200m freestyle relay.

At provincial level in 2012 he won two events at the Canterbury Secondary Schools Championship and was awarded the trophy for the most outstanding male swimmer. He won 6 events at the South Island Championships and was 3rd in another. Also broke Canterbury age group records in 4 events and open records in two of those.

At the recent 2013 Open Nationals, he was placed 3rd in both the 100m and 400m free, 4th in 200m free, 8th in 50m fly and 9th in 100m fly. A fine effort confirming his promise and potential.

Matthew is a very focused and positive young man who is always pushing himself to improve. He has the potential to be a world class swimmer and is willing to put in the hard yards to reap the rewards. He has already achieved excellent results and is a great role model for younger swimmers. This year he is a finalist for emerging swimmer of the year in the SNZ awards. This award will help him with his future development and short term goal to get selection for the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. He is a deserving recipient and we wish him well for the future..

Our thanks to Deloitte for their assistance with this award.

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