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2018 TAB/CANTERBURY SPORTS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

THOMAS RUSSEL

Thomas is 18 years old and is a rower of exceptional promise.

He has just completed his year 13 at St Andrews College where he was captain of rowing for the school. In 2017 the team won the Maadi Cup, the premier eights event and Springbok Shield, the premier coxed fours event at the New Zealand Schools' Championships.

In August 2017 he attended the World Junior Rowing Championships and won a silver medal in the coxless four, 2017 was his second year in the New Zealand Junior (Under 19) Rowing team.

He competed for the first time in the New Zealand Rowing Championships where he won gold medals in the Senior Men's Coxless Four and Under 19 Coxed Four.

He lists his 4 year goals as:

- Making the New Zealand Under 23 Rowing team in 2018
- Winning a medal with the New Zealand Under 23 team at the 2018 World Championships
- Making the 2020 Elite Training Squad and to be selected for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

Thomas has a very clear idea of his goals and referees have all commented on his work ethic and leadership qualities.

TAB and Canterbury Sports Foundation are proud to assist this very promising young athlete.

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