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2018 CLARK BOYCE/ CANTERBURY SPORTS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

BEN TAYLOR

Ben is 18 years old and is a highly accomplished athlete in the sport of rowing. A product of St Andrews College he has been an integral part of the school's rowing team from 2015 to 2017.

At the NZ Secondary School's Championships (Maadi Cup) in 2015 he won gold in the Under 16 Coxed four and bronze in the Eight. In 2016 he won gold in both the Under 17 Coxed Four and Eight, silver in the Under 18 Coxed Four and bronze in the Under 18 Eight and in 2017 Gold in the Under 17 Coxed Four. He has won numerous gold medals at South Island Secondary Schools Championships, and South Island Club Championships and in 2017 at the New Zealand Rowing Championships won gold in the Men's Senior Coxless Four, Under 19 Coxed Four, Men's Club Pair and Silver in The Men's Senior Eights.

He was first selected for New Zealand in 2017 for the Under 19's which won a Silver medal at the Junior World Championships.

In 2018 he was selected for the New Zealand under 23 Coxed Four to compete at the World Championships in Warsaw, Poland in July. They won the silver medal in the A Final, in finishing second to USA and beating Germany, Italy, Great Britain and Australia.

Following the Championships, he was selected to trial for the Elite Team and was then selected to represent New Zealand in Bulgaria in September 2018 in the Men's Reserve Pair.

His ultimate goal is to represent New Zealand at the Olympic Games in Japan in 2020 and he is well on the way to achieving that goal.

Clark Boyce and Canterbury Sports Foundation are proud to assist him in his sporting career.

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