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2018 CANTERBURY SPORTS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

WILL GILBERT

Will is 18 years old and is a highly accomplished athlete in the sport of rowing and is a pupil at Christchurch Boys High School.

He has been an integral part of the school's rowing teams for the past 4 years and has won medals at the NZ Secondary School's Championships (Maadi Cup) in each of those 4 years.

In 2015 he won a bronze medal as part of the Under 15 Eight; In 2016 Gold in the Under 16 Four and Eight; in 2017 Gold in the under 17 Four and bronze in the under 17 Eights. In 2017 he also won silver at the New Zealand Championships in the Under 19 Four.

This year has been a big year. In the Maadi Cup he won silver in the Under 18 pair and four and at the Canterbury Championships, Gold in Under 19 Four, silver in Open Eight and bronze in the Open 4.

This saw him selected for the NZ Junior Coxless Four for the World Junior Rowing Championships in The Czech Republic which was completed last month and won the Silver in the A Final behind Great Britain.

He was awarded the Cheltenham Trophy for outstanding rowing performance and leadership in school rowing by the Canterbury Rowing Association and jointly won the Senior Oarsman Trophy at Christchurch Boys High School.

His ultimate goal is to represent New Zealand at Olympic Games and he is well on track towards that goal.

Canterbury Sports Foundation is proud to assist him in his sporting career.

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