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Amelia Kerr stamped her mark on the international stage, ending the World Cup as New Zealand's top wicket taker. PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES

## Kerr, Clareburt take top awards

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White Ferns wunderkind Amelia Kerr has taken two-for.

The Tawa College year 12 student has won College Sport Wellington's female sportsman of the year award for the second consecutive year, with Scots College swimming sensation Lewis Clareburt clinching the male sportsman of the year award.

The pair were recognised at College Sport Wellington's 28th annual awards, held at Te Rauparaha Arena on Sunday.

Kerr, who last year became the youngest female cricketer player to represent New Zealand, was unable to attend the ceremony as she is currently on tour with the White Ferns in United Arab Emirates.

The 17-year-old leg-spinner stamped her mark on the international stage in 2017, having collected 26 wickets from her first 16 one day internationals.

She was one of the top-10 wicket takers at the Women's Cricket World Cup - a remarkable feat considering she was the youngest player New Zealand has ever sent to the tournament.

At a domestic level, Kerr was a member of the Wellington women's cricket team and she

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skipped the Wellington under-21 women's team.

She was named under-21 player of the tournament, having finished up as both the top wicket taker and run scorer.

Kerr was also a member of the Tawa College First XI and became the first female to score a century in the premier 1 boys grade.

Clareburt, meanwhile, has made a real splash in the pool this year, going on to break New Zealand swimming great Danyon Loader's 200m individual medley record.

The 18-year-old won eight gold medals at the New Zealand Age Group Swimming Championships and three gold medals at the Commonwealth Youth Games.

Although his goals are not

centred towards winning awards, Clareburt said it was an honour to be recognised as College Sport Wellington's sportsman of the year.

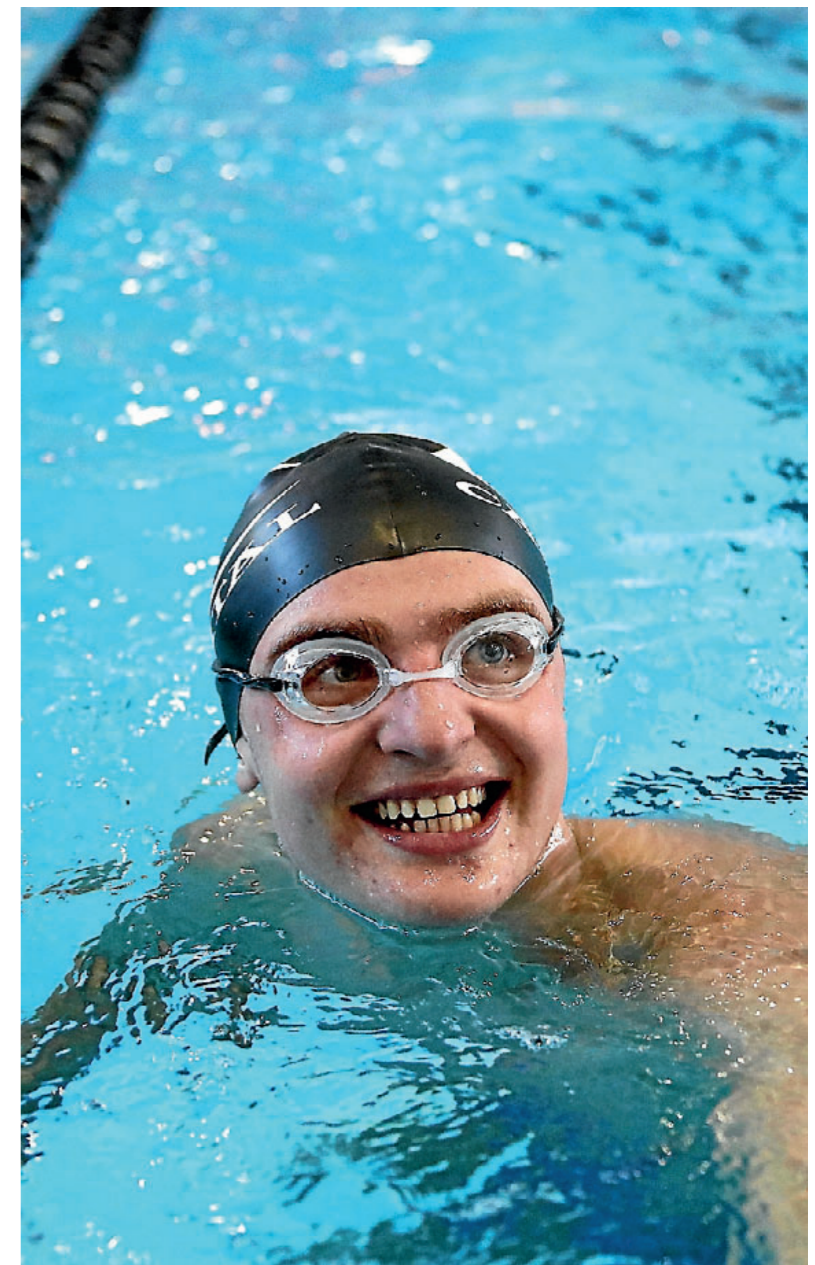
"Every time I get a cool award like that I look back and see how I did and can reflect on everything," the year 13 student said.

Looking back on everything he has achieved during a breakout year, Clareburt said his performances at the Commonwealth Youth Games in Bahamas, where he also won four silver medals, ranked the highest.

"It was over only a few days and I had so many races and had to back up within half an hour time frames. I was having to deal with so many scenarios and I was pretty proud of myself for handling that," he said. "We were with the Olympic committee, they brought along all their media staff and we were in the same environment we would be in if it was the actual Olympics."

After earning a Victoria University scholarship, Clareburt will remain in Wellington next year as he continues to work towards his dream of representing New Zealand at the 2020 Olympic Games.

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