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## CAVALIER WINS TOBIN AWARD

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual presentation night was held last Friday (17/2) at Wollongong University.



Athlete of the year awards were presented in ten different sports with the academy's most outstanding athlete receiving the Tobin Family Award.

This year, the major award was won by BlueScope Steel athlete, Amiel Cavalier (Figtree).

Amiel, a national squad downhill mountain bike competitor, had a highly successful year in 2005 which culminated in him winning the U19 World championships in Italy.

He wasn't present on the night as he was competing interstate. His award was received by his mother, Christine Hansen.

The Tobin Family Award is accompanied by a \$5000 scholarship from City Coast Credit Union. This funding will now help him travel overseas once again to compete now at open elite level.



The scholarship is one of the most lucrative in junior sport in Australia.

The night also heard from a number of high achieving graduates including international pro surfer, Michael Lowe, Commonwealth cycling bronze medalist Josh Kersten and Commonwealth Games medal aspirant and Olympian Ben Kersten.

All present extended best wishes to graduates competing at Melbourne 2006 - Ben Kersten and Rochelle Gilmore (cycling) and Karen Murphy (lawn bowls).

## SPORT ATHLETES OF 2005 NAMED

The presentation night also recognized high achievers in academy sports programs, including:

**Swimming:** Josh Minogue (Thirroul), for his consistent performances at the elite level — a 5<sup>th</sup> in the 200m butterfly at the Commonwealth games trials.

**Individual Athlete Program:** Sally Fitzgibbons (Gerroa) - a regular winner in almost any surfing event in which she competed.

**Hockey:** Keiren Govers (Keiraville) continued his outstanding form from 2004 —selected in the NSW U18 team and gained an NSWIS scholarship.

**Cycling:** Scott Law (Gerringong) winner of several national titles and became an age national record holder.

**Rugby League:** Chris Astill (Helensburgh) - captain NSW combined catholic colleges team.

**Rugby Union:** Morgan Forrest (Tapitallee) - selected in NSW Country U15 team.

**Netball:** Jessica Holz (Kiama) - excelled on court and gained an NSWIS scholarship.

**Golf:** Elle Sandak (Shellharbour) - several event wins and selected in the NSW junior women's state team. Elle plays off a handicap of 5.

**Sailing:** Alisha Kawalla (Albion Park) won the national sail boarding title and represented Australia at the World Youth Sailing championships.

**Cricket:** David Murphy (Balgownie) had a stellar year with many fine batting performances—selected in NSW Country U17 and then the NSW U17 state team.

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