

## Spotlight



Tayla Gunton, 12

**Sport team or sport?** Pace Project. joke and we both laughed.

**What got you into sport?** Doing my school sports carnival and found I really enjoyed it.

**What is your greatest sporting moment?** Achieving 8th in the state for my 3km cross country.

**Who are your favourite competitors?** Jill Hunter (English former distance runner).

**What are your sporting dreams?** To represent Australia in the Olympics  
Who or what inspires you? Jill Boltz, my coach.

**Best advice you have been given?** Success trains, failure complains.

**Funniest thing that's happened to you while playing sport?** My best friend and I were training and she told the funniest

**What would be your ultimate job?** To be a personal trainer/coach/physiotherapist to elite athletes.

**How much training do you do?** 4-5 times a week.  
What is it about the sport you love? I love running because of the experience/journey and having fun with new friends.

**What is your game-day routine?** Usually a light warm-up and stretch and talking strategy with my coach.

**What is your favourite subject at school?** PE and science.

**What is your favourite food?** Spaghetti bolognese.

**What do you do to relax and have fun?** Go swimming with friends and read books.

# Boost for athletes

TWO young stars of the track will receive a boost to their sporting dreams when they are presented with the North Queensland Sports Foundation Wingate Bursary at Cairns Regional Council tomorrow.

Chair of the North Queensland Games Cairns Organising Committee Councillor Jessie Richardson will present Cairns athletes Theo Watson (decathlon and rugby union), aged 17, and Mikaela Bretz (triple jump), aged 16, with their bursary, which includes a \$650 cash award to assist with the costs of travel and training.

The Cairns Athletics duo was nominated for the prestigious award following a fantastic year on the track, which has included state, national and international representation.

Cr Richardson said the bursary would smooth the pathway to success for the talented pair.



YOUNG STARS: North Queensland Sports Foundation Wingate Bursary recipients Theo Watson and Mikaela Bretz. Picture: STEWART McLEAN

## School-aged equestrians put to the test



Rominy Price receiving a ribbon from judge Trevor Hyatt.



Jasmine Price and Farmer Jacob from Earville Pony Club.

FOURTEEN school teams descended on the Earville Pony Club Grounds recently to contest the inaugural Interschool Queensland FNQ Regional Championships.

Riders aged from five to 17 participated in competitive as well as come-and-try non-competitive events. More than 20 riders competed in a range of events including showing, jumping and combined training.

The event was hosted by Interschool Queensland and Sugarbag Equestrian.

With schools represented from as far as Ingham and the Tablelands, the eventual champion school team was St Stephens Catholic College.

Other notable winners were the Hewitt-Toms sisters, with Jamie picking up champion secondary school rider, and Olivia securing the champion primary school rider.

As this event was a qualifier, many riders have now qualified to compete for their school at the State Championships to be held in June in Maryborough.

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