

THE NEW ZEALAND EAGLES

YOUNG GOLFER OF THE YEAR 2023

COOPER MOORE (CANTERBURY)



Cooper started playing golf when he was only four. He is now fifteen and a half. His coaches and mentors all talk about his fantastic approach to the game on and off the course, and he continues to surprise many with his abilities at such a young age. His behaviour and attitude are nothing shy of world class, and he is very well respected among his

peers all across the country.

As a talented all-round student at St Bede's College in Christchurch, Cooper has just completed Year 10. He has represented Canterbury in junior teams since 2020, and made his senior debut when he was fourteen. In December he was selected at no. 4 in the Canterbury team for the interprovincial championships at Paraparaumu Beach, where he won four of his six matches, drew one, and went to the 20th in the semi final.

His success is not surprising – he plays an average 3 rounds per week and spends 10 hours practising. His 2023 record is outstanding, and among his achievements are top finishes in the Canterbury U16 championships, the Otago men's strokeplay, South Island strokeplay, the South Island U16 championships, the OOM championship final at Clearwater, the Canterbury champion of champions, the Canterbury junior Open, and the NZ U16 boys' championship. In Australia recently he tied for third in the JNIG International Classic, and won the 15 year old division; and playing in the Charles Tour against professionals he finished T8, and was third amateur. What an amazing year!

Cooper is a worthy recipient of the NZ Eagles Young Golfer of the Year for 2023, and we wish him well for the future.