

## #9 Archery Champion

When Erin Waagan started archery, she could not have guessed that within three years she would go on to win an international championship.

“I was surprised that I was so good at it,” says Erin, who attend St Joseph’s College at East Gosford. “I still get a shock each time I win competitions and make teams.”

When she began in 2013, she did not know anyone else who did archery. “It seemed something so different and unique,” says Erin.

In 2015 she was selected for the NSW State Junior Team and this year was made Team Vice Captain. Since then, Erin has competed in six national competitions as well as at the international championships in New Zealand this year, where she took out first place.

“I try to practice in and around school and work,” says Erin. “It’s hard when you compete against other archers who are fulltime competitors who practice all day long, but it gives me great confidence when I can compete against Olympians and do as well as I have.”

Her coach, Kelvin Heath, is confident that Erin will achieve her goal for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

“It requires skills and discipline because it’s so challenging,” Erin says. “You really need accurate goal setting skills.”

