



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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Epsom Girls Grammar girl wins second squash competition

Ellie Epke, a year 10 Epsom Girls Grammar School student, has won her second New Zealand under-19 squash title at the Hawke's Bay Squash Club, Napier. Hayley Hughes was runner up.

Ellie beat last year's under-17s champion Hayley Hughes. Ellie Epke (1) beat Hayley Hughes (2) 11-4 13-11 11-7.

In 2012, the then 14-year-old Parnell resident was the youngest person to win the under-19 girls squash national championship when it was held in Palmerston North.

Entering the premier division was a risky move as she would not have had the same level of competition standing in the way of a title had she opted to enter the under-15s or even under-17s.

Coached by world champion Carol Owens, Ellie recently returned from the world junior championships in Poland, with the ultimate goal of getting to the 2016 Commonwealth Games.

Ellie says she followed her sister on to the court at age five and has never looked back.

Epsom Girls Grammar School is currently raising funds for a Sports Complex to give young girls better opportunities to participate in sport. To make a donation go to:

www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/sports-complex

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