



## Aon New Zealand announces the winner of the inaugural Aon Emerging Schools Scholarship

**AUCKLAND, 5 September 2023** - [Aon plc](#) (NYSE: AON), a leading global professional services firm, today announced the winner of the inaugural Aon Emerging Schools Scholarship: Taupo-nui-a-Tia College in Taupō, New Zealand.

Aon New Zealand launched the Emerging Schools Scholarship in 2023 in partnership with Rowing New Zealand to help make rowing accessible and possible to all schools, regardless of resource and funding.

The scholarship supports the development of rowing programs, particularly in schools that may not have an ingrained rowing culture, with the goal of enabling more teams to enter the New Zealand Secondary Schools Rowing Championships, referred to as the Aon Maadi Regatta.

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College aims to use the \$5000 scholarship funds to recruit at least six new rowers each year, develop a badge system for premier team selection, enter a quad at the 2024 Aon Maadi Regatta and an eight in 2025.

The simple act of being recognised by the scholarship sends a positive signal about trying to make rowing more accessible for students, said Erica Strik, sports coordinator at Taupo-nui-a-Tia College.

“Equity is a big word in schools, and it is very hard to offer that equity with rowing, so the Aon Emerging Schools Scholarship offers a real opportunity for us. There are so many people on the water with waka ama and our active cultural life here at the school, so through this scholarship we can engage a wider breadth of our community. I cannot wait to see where our journey takes us, through to Maadi and beyond.”

Read more about Aon and Rowing New Zealand: [www.aon.co.nz/About-Aon/Sponsorships/Rowing-NZ](http://www.aon.co.nz/About-Aon/Sponsorships/Rowing-NZ)

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