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Less than a year after taking up equestrian vaulting Amelia Slattery is training to compete at national titles
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Amelia Slattery with her horse Island Bend Viscount Tallon. Picture: Matthew Vasilescu

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EQUESTRIAN CHAMPION

Congratulations to our Year 6 student Amelia Slattery who recently placed in the top five in three categories at the NSW Vaulting State Championships.

Amelia has been nominated for a Local Sports Star award in the Junior Sports Star Individual category. We are very proud of Amelia's achievements. You can read the full article below.

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Daring Amelia vaults ahead

Cindy Ngo

IF her recent success at the NSW Vaulting State Championships is anything to go by, Amelia Slattery is set to go far in the sport.

The 11-year-old from Austral joined Southern Highlands Vaulting Team — KRanch, an equestrian club in the village of Alpine, in October after finding a passion for equestrian vaulting earlier in the year.

The sport sees individuals and teams perform gymnastics routines on horseback, accompanied by music.

Training weekly at her club, Amelia also dedicates her time at home to practising on a barrel made by her uncle.

Her hard work paid off earlier this month when she competed at the state championships and placed in the top five in three categories.

Amelia came fifth in the squad compulsory test and fourth in the squad freestyle on the horse and squad freestyle on the barrel.

The ambitious youngster said earning top spots at her first state championship was her greatest achievement so far, given she took up the sport less than a year ago.

She paid tribute to her mum, coaches and peers for their support. "Even though we have individual clubs it is like a massive family, everyone helps and congratulates each other, there's no rivalry between anyone."

Amelia, who hopes to one day compete at international championships, has been nominated for a Local Sports Star award in the Junior Sports Star Individual category. The competition is sponsored by Featherdale Wildlife Park and Bankstown Sports.

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Equestrian vaulter Amelia Slattery with her horse Island Bend Viscount Tallon. Picture: Matthew Vasilescu