



Montana Lower has received national recognition for excellence in a range of fields

Sky's the limit for Montana

FORMER Ingham State High School student Montana Lower is still beaming after winning the school's 2012 Caltex Best All Rounder Award, one of Australia's most prestigious secondary school prizes.

Montana joins a select group of secondary students around Australia to receive the award for excellence in the classroom, sports and community.

She received a Distinction in Studies, Distinction for School Service, prizes for Legal Studies and Visual Art, as well as a Silver Award for Athletics.

"It has been a busy year keeping up with all of my regular activities and balancing study, but it all

really shows that hard work does pay off," she said.

"My first major achievement of the year was winning Regionals for Wearable Art, then going on to win the State finals and representing Queensland at the Nationals where the Melbourne Institute of Design purchased my canvas.

"My Wearable Art also featured in a DVD for an art major in which an environmental science company (Terrain) purchased copyrights to it.

"This has given me the confidence to sell more of my work which has increased my passion for the arts and made me all the more excited for the future.

"I'm excited for what the future will bring, as I start my studies as an architect at QUT in Brisbane in 2013.

"It was all possible because of the opportunities available at Ingham High.

"Although the school is small in comparison to where other students will have come from next year, there is nothing small about the opportunities and I encourage all younger grades to give everything a go because you don't know where it can take you."

"Montana is a worthy winner of the award and has showcased admirable qualities to those around her," said school principal Kevin Wager.