

Kushindokai students compete at Karate Maynia tournament



Students from Kushindokai Karate and Fitness travelled to Kitchener on Saturday, May 5, to compete in the Karate Maynia Tournament.

Fourteen students made the trip to the event at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium.

Sisters Sarah, 7, and Lauren, 10, Embree placed second and third respectively in their kata divisions, while brothers Owen, 11, and Luka, 7, Bailey-Braun both placed fifth in their kata divisions.

Hugh Phillpott, 10, competed in kata and sparring, placing fourth in kata and fifth in sparring.

The Barrett brothers, Coen and Quentin, both competed in four different divisions.

Coen, 6, came first in creative weapons, second in kata and traditional weapons, and third in sparring. Quentin, 7, placed third in both creative traditional weapons.

Ayden Cappuccitti, 8, who also entered four divisions, placed second in creative weapons, sparring, and kata, and third in traditional weapons.

Izabella Dwyer, 12, placed fourth for her kata performance, while her sister Emma, 14, won her kata division with top marks.

Himanshu Dursun, 16, came third in his kata group and Elias Tsilimidos, 14, won first in kata and second in sparring.

Carley Spiteri, 14, and Isaac Phillips, 14, both had strong showings in their advanced divisions in kata and sparring but failed to place in the top four.

"We don't typically focus on tournament competition at our school," said head instructor Sensei Michael Fisher. "But we always encourage students who want to try competing. It helps them build confidence and let's them see different styles and forms. We really try to keep the focus on having fun and doing the best they can. I'm proud of them all. They represented Kushindokai with honour and integrity."