

# Tyler Yamamoto:

## Black Belt at age 8

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**T**yler Yamamoto is our Association's youngest student to attain his Black Belt (1st Dan) at the age of 8. Tyler has trained, along with his parents, since he was 3 years old under TISKA Karate's Chief Instructor, Shihan Gursharan Sahota, 8th Dan.

Tyler has shown huge dedication in his training and now trains alongside his parents.

Tyler said that the reason that he has always enjoyed karate so much is that it has taught him discipline and the ability to defend himself and to respect others.

Tyler is a very humble little boy, who said that he prefers not to tell his friends about his Black Belt achievement, as he does not want them to think that he is showing off.

When asked, Tyler said that he always hopes to continue to be trained by Shihan personally and that he feels his biggest achievement in his life so far is to have been trained by Shihan.

Tyler's Mother said that Tyler's secret ambition is to one day be invited to compete in karate competitions by Shihan. She said that Shihan has had a huge influence on Tyler and that he and the whole family very much appreciate all that Shihan

has done for them as well as for all of his students, the hard work, discipline and dedication that he shows to all of his students and they are grateful for him both as a personality and as a teacher.

Shihan Sahota has said how proud he is of Tyler's achievement, his dedication and how it has increased his confidence so that Tyler is now able to stand at the front of a class and help teach.

Karate teaches children and adults alike, fitness, self awareness, self defence, confidence, etiquette, respect and self discipline. ■

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