



## Bialik student breaks 30-year-old record

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# Kimchi's record leap

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BIALIK student Yotam Kimchi hopped, stepped and jumped his way into the history books at the recent Eastern Independent Schools of Melbourne (EISM) athletics carnival when he broke the year 9 boys triple jump record that had stood for 30 years.

The 15-year-old's record-setting effort of 12.74 metres not only beat the previous mark of 12.68, which was set in 1985, but also outstripped Kimchi's previous best in triple jump by more than half-a-metre.

"I had a break of six weeks from

competition before this, but my coach Simon (Jacotine) said I could do this carnival," Kimchi told *The AJN*. "My first jump was 12.40, second was 12.50 and then when I got 12.74 I was screaming, I couldn't believe it."

At the next stage of EISM athletics, the Champions Carnival, Kimchi braved both rain and hail to win gold medals in triple jump (12.30) and long jump (5.48), with a second placing in the 100m event to boot.

"I was ranked number four in Victoria during the summer, but I've had a growth spurt and my coach is very good," he said. "Hopefully I can make Nationals this year."