

Juniors getting the guidance

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AS World Cup fever tightens its grip on sports fans around the globe, some of the region's most promising young soccer players are hard at work perfecting their skills in the hope of one day making it to the top of the game.

On Tuesday night players received specialised training under the guidance of Football South West technical director Paul Wozny and regional development officer and South West Academy of Sport coach Perry Krakowczyk at Bunbury Catholic College under the region's High Performance Program.

"The program offers the players, both boys and girls, the opportunity to advance their technical skills and gain a better understanding of the world game in a structured and enjoyable weekly session," he said.

"The program is based on giving the players an all round football education and mirrors the academy structure similar to that throughout Europe.

"It operates in two centres in Bunbury and Busselton and accommodates a wide range of ages from under-6 players through to under-14s.

"There are also plans to offer a 'Master Class' program for players over the age of 15.

"The intake is open to everybody, as there are two streams, a feeder and advanced level for each age group."

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Talented South West soccer player Sam Guthridge practices balancing the ball while Football South West technical director Paul Wozny, front left, South West Academy of Sport coach Perry Krakowczyk, back, teammates and talent coach James Young look on. PICTURE: DAVID BAILEY