

# Breanna shines on world stage

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A FIVE-medal haul at a recent international meet in Malaysia has highlighted South West teenager Breanna Dixon's gift for track and field events.

The 15-year-old from Collie outshone her fellow competitors to bring home both gold and silver from the MSSM-WALAA-SSSC International Little Athletics Championship.

The annual event between Australia, Malaysia and Singapore gives emerging athletes in the U14 and U15 categories the chance to put themselves to the test on the world stage.

This year's event in Kuala Lumpur proved especially memorable for Breanna, who

excelled despite the hot and humid conditions.

Breanna, who also competed in the 2010 event in Singapore, finished first in her 200m event and second in long jump, 400m, 4x100m and 4x400m.

"It was tough especially because of the conditions," she said.

"But I was really thrilled to win."

Now back home, the talented sprinter is concentrating her efforts on securing a spot in Athletics Australia's U17 development squad, which supports aspiring athletes to reach the next level of competition.

"Selection for the squad is mainly based on performance and results at the Australian junior championships in March," Breanna said.



A talent for track and field events recently took South West Academy of Sport scholarship holder Breanna Dixon to Malaysia.