

BMX champ named top academy athlete

BUNBURY BMX champion Lauren Reynolds says it is an honour to be named the South West Academy of Sport's top athlete for 2009.

The promising rider, who achieved a seventh world ranking in the 2009 UCI BMX Supercross World Cup, received the SWAS Sports Star of the Year Award at a special dinner in Bunbury last Friday.

"The South West Academy of Sport has been a lift up for the South West and the young talent coming through," Reynolds said.

"It's really something special to be part of the program.

"To win the overall Sports Star of the Year was even better again. It is

an honour and something I will carry with me forever.

"The academy has done so much for myself, along with the other athletes out there in their chosen sports."

Other award winners on the night included AFL athlete of the year Riley Hutchinson, from Manjimup, basketball athlete of the year Tyler Hickert, soccer athlete of the year Callum Richardson and hockey athlete of the year Aimee Harris.

SWAS chief executive officer Bernice Butlion congratulated all the award winners.

"These fine athletes have worked hard for their results and are deserving of being the SWAS's inaugural award winners," she said.



BMX star Lauren Reynolds, pictured in action earlier this year at the Supercross World Cup, won the inaugural South West Academy of Sport, Sports Star of the Year Award.