



FORWA: Tash Rigby celebrates her second year in State soccer.

Making her mark at the nationals

SHE might be juggling her first year of TEE studies, but Tash Rigby has proved a busy school schedule to be no barrier to success on the soccer field.

The Margaret River resident and talented South West Academy of Sport athlete is celebrating after being selected at a State level for the second consecutive year.

The 16-year-old was recently named in the State under 17s soccer team and is now preparing to represent Western Australia at the 2009 Football Federation Australia National Youth Championships in Coffs Harbour in July.

The annual event features the best young players from around the country and serves as a talent identification tournament where national coaches from all levels discover future young Matildas.

Rigby, who has been playing soccer for about six years, competed in the event as part of the State under 15s soccer team last year and said the experience was memorable.

"Running out into a full stadium is mind-blowing," she said.

"It's also a great chance to experience playing at a national level."