

Young star on track to realising sporting dream

KIM McCartney is a step closer to her dream of wearing green and gold on the soccer field after being selected for a State team.

The 14-year-old Australind resident and South West Academy of Sport athlete was named in the State under-15s soccer team earlier this month and will represent WA at the upcoming FFA National Youth Championships in Coffs Harbour.

The event serves as a talent identification tournament where national coaches from all levels discover future young Matildas.

McCartney, who has been playing soccer since she was eight, said the championships will give her an opportunity to experience playing at a high level.

"It will be good to see how the rest of the country plays and it's where the scouts pick the teams," she said.

McCartney is in the South West Academy of Sport, the Football West Academy, Australind Junior Soccer Club and Australind Soccer Club.

The young star also trains under lights at Hay Park where some of the South West's brightest young soccer players are hard at work.

The teenagers are part of the SWAS's soccer program and dedicate time each week to building their skills in a high performance training session.

Head soccer coach Perry Krakowczyk said the tuition was paying off for the 17 athletes in the program.



SWAS youngster Kim McCartney has made the State under-15s soccer team.