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■ Supreme skills ... Highland dancer and Genesis Christian College student Fern Doyle is hoping to take out the Champion of Champions event.

Big dream beckons for champion dancer

CHAMPION Highland dancer Fern Doyle has added another notable title to her belt.

The Genesis Christian College student recently won the Australian Capital Territory Championships under-16 age group, beating entrants from across the nation.

She now holds the Newcastle,

Barrier Reef and ACT Highland dancing champion titles, but her sights are set even higher. She hopes to win the Champion of Champions event held early next year.

Competitors from around the world will compete in the event and Doyle is looking forward to the challenge.

"It's the biggest Highland dancing event in Australia," Doyle said.

"Only champions are allowed to attend, so I'm really excited about competing," said Doyle.

The Grade 10 student began Highland dancing at school, as a five-year-old. She has been competing ever since.

Doyle travelled to Scotland last year and said she would one day like to return to compete in the world championships.

For the moment however, she is concentrating on defending her Barrier Reef title, before turning her attention to Canberra later in the year.

— Peter Marsh