

School-leaver chooses charity over booze-fest

MARIE-LOUISE Jensen-Fielding (pictured) will bypass Schoolies Week and hop on a plane bound for London.

The Genesis Christian College student, who was born in England, has applied to churches in her homeland to lend a helping hand with the homeless.

"I'm very, very excited," the 17-year-old said.

"I applied for nursing next year and I want to do something different and now I have the opportunity to do so.

"I love looking after people. Even if I can just help out with support, talking to people or serving food.

"I just want to help people who don't have all the opportunities I have."

The Petrie teen has applied to work at London City Missions but is still looking at other missions to fulfil her community work.

Marie-Louise will jet off on November 25 to spend three months overseas.

"I'm going to be staying in Denmark for Christmas and hopefully visit Scotland and Ireland," she said.

■ **How can you help? Visit volunteer groups in Brisbane at www.brisbanecitylife.com.au/bcl/intgroup/volunteer.htm or Volunteering Queensland at www.volqld.org.au.**

