

Talented sportsgirl faces tough choice

YoungStar



CHAMPION Highland dancer Fern Doyle's dancing career may be reaching a crossroads.

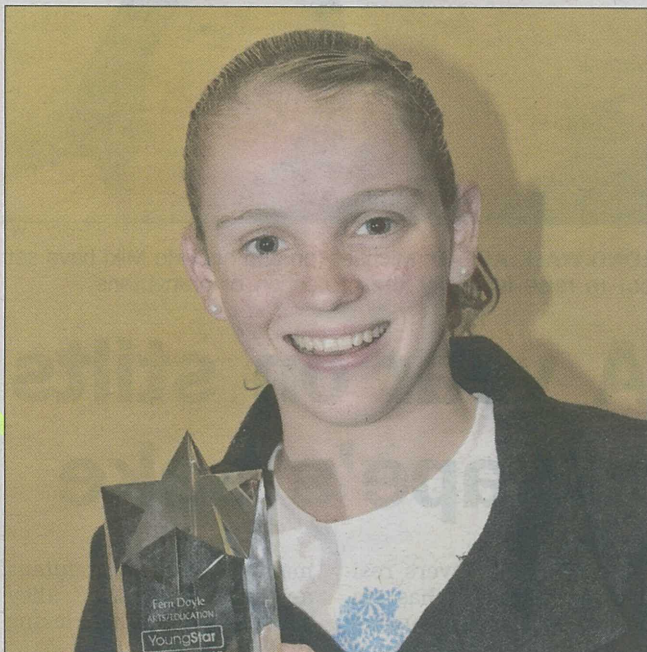
As well as holding the Newcastle, Barrier Reef and ACT Highland dancing champion titles, the 15-year-old **Genesis Christian College** student also represents the Metropolitan North district in soccer.

Last month Fern, from Joyner, played in the Queensland soccer titles at Northgate. Although Metropolitan North did not progress, the talented right midfielder scored three goals.

She said she would wait until next year to choose which sport to pursue.

"I enjoy them both the same, so it's pretty hard to choose one at the moment," she said.

Right now, Fern is hard at work four days a week in preparation for the 2009 Great Barrier Reef Highland Dancing Championships, to be held in



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AT CROSSROADS: Fern Doyle will decide between Highland dancing and soccer.

Townsville on August 29.

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