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# **MONICAN TAKES ON THE WORLD**

St Monica's College, Epping student Alana Jancevski has been selected to represent Australia as a member of the Junior Matildas Squad. The squad will compete in the 2019 AFC Under 16 Women's Championship Qualifiers to be held in Bishkek in the Kyrgyz Republic in September 2018.

Alana, 15 years old, is a Year 10 student at St Monica's College, Epping and is a part of our Northern Football Academy.

College Principal, Mr Brian Hanley, congratulated Alana. "To represent your country at this level is an incredible achievement and Alana should be very proud. The Northern Football Academy was established at St Monica's College, Epping to develop students' football skills whilst ensuring their studies continued and are relevant. Alana is to be congratulated and we wish her every success with the Junior Matildas."

Northern Football Academy Director, Mr Luca Finanzio, said Alana's achievements do not surprise him. "It is no surprise to her teachers and coaches that Alana has been selected for the 23 player squad as she exhibits all the traits of an elite competitor in everything she does, whether it is during a training session, fulfilling her duties as class vice-captain, completing practice essays for Macbeth in English or preparing for a test in Sport Science".

The Junior Matildas Squad will play their first game on 17 September with many of Alana's school friends, teachers and coaches cheering her on as she takes on the world.

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