



Star junior gymnast Sophie Hubball shows her form at her school gymnasium.

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## It's all routine as Sophie leaps into the future

SOPHIE Hubball is well on her way to making a mark on the international gymnastics scene.

The Doreen youngster, 9, has her sights set on representing Australia after being selected for Gymnastics Australia's national junior development squad – Team Future High Achiever's top three group – in

Perth recently. "It's quite a big achievement to get picked in that group," Sophie's mother Mary Hubball said.

The squad is for 100 of Australia's best female gymnasts, aged 9-13, who receive additional guidance.

Sophie, a grade 3 student at Ivanhoe Grammar's Plenty campus, in

Mernda, started gymnastics aged two in the Kindergym program.

She is classed as an International Level 5, five divisions from senior level and Olympic standard.

Sophie said her dream was to one day represent Australia. "It's (gymnastics) fun as I get to make up my own routines," she said.

Sophie is this week's Whittlesea Leader Junior Sports Star nominee.

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