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Joanne Zheng (Year 8)

## Canning Vale badminton player to represent WA for second consecutive year

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THE fast-paced and challenging nature of badminton is exactly why Joanne Zheng loves the sport so much.

The young Canning Vale resident and All Saints College student also has the skills to back up her passion, ranked 31st in the Badminton Australia Women's Singles Division and securing a number of first-place finishes this year including the A Reserve Women's Singles and Women's Doubles titles at the 2018 LiveLighter Silver Cup.

Next month, Joanne will suit up in WA's black and gold kit for the second consecutive year after she was selected to compete at the 2018 Val Nesbitt Trophy and Under 15 Australian Badminton Championships in NSW.

Joanne will be one of six WA players in the team-oriented Val Nesbitt Trophy, whilst also competing individually as part of the championships.

She said she was looking forward to learning more about the sport as she keeps working on her dreams of playing at the Olympics.

"I really enjoy mastering new badminton techniques and competing at this event will allow me to observe and learn from other players with more experience," she said.

"I feel honoured and happy that I have been selected to represent the state for the second time."

The Val Nesbitt Trophy and U15 Australian Badminton Championships will be held from September 28 to October 4.