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Kayla O'Connor (Year 7)



Kayla O'Connor and Barca Academy Brisbane technical director Taher Mortezaie.

## Spanish dreams for Kayla

A YOUNG Atwell soccer player will be a trailblazer for Australia at the inaugural FC Barcelona Academy Asia Pacific Cup in January.

Twelve-year-old Kayla O'Connor impressed selectors at the recent Brisbane FCBEscuela Academy – so much so she was the only female chosen for the U13 squad to participate at the international competition, which will be held in India.

The All Saints College student said she was excited to have the opportunity to represent Australia so

young and dreams to one day play for the Matildas and FC Barcelona's women's team.

"Playing against other Barca Academies from all over the world is a huge honour," she said.

"I love that at the Barca Academy it doesn't matter whether you're a boy or a girl; everyone is just a player and gets to develop equally."

Kayla travels to Brisbane once a month for a week of training with the FCBEscuela U13s after receiving a scholarship.