

Ciara's off competing in Vegas

Gymnastics | Geoff Rounds

AT only 12 years of age, Ciara Marasea is kicking up her heels in Las Vegas. Well, sort of.

The Williamstown girl is an elite international Level 10 gymnast and has been invited with five of her teammates and two coaches to compete at the fourth annual Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics Invitational currently under way at the Centennial Hills YMCA.

Already a member of the 2016 Olympic development squad at the Victorian Women's High Performance Centre in Prahran, Ciara currently trains 32 hours a week, and the recent family move from Hoppers Crossing has not hindered her preparations, says mother Serena.

"Just going there to compete will be exciting, Ciara said.

"Everyone going is really excited."

Ciara said it has been a dream of hers to attend and experience competition at an international event. She won a Victorian championship in 2008 and came second in 2010 while placing seventh overall at National Clubs in



Williamstown 12-year-old Ciara Marasea has a bright future in gymnastics.

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Canberra late last year, just missing third place on beam by five points.

Ciara is a junior Hobsons Bay Leader Sports Star of the Year nominee. To nominate an athlete

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