



Student strikes gold

FRANKSTON resident Ebony Miller is up there with the best in her profession, winning a gold medal at the regional finals of the Worldskills Challenge in Melbourne in November.

"I couldn't believe it when they told me I'd won," says Miller, 18, who recently completed her Certificate III in Hairdressing at Chisholm Frankston.

She puts her success with the scissors down to great teachers and a childhood spent largely at her mum's hairdressing parlour. "My mum teaches hairdressing now, but she used to own her own salon. From age 10 I was in there most days after school, helping her out and learning."

Chisholm trainer Andrea De Deugd,

who prepared Ebony for the competition, says she is a young woman with great natural talents. "Ebony has a really open, positive attitude. She's passionate about what she does but is also patient and she stays calm under pressure, which is remarkable at her age."

Two other Chisholm students achieved medals in the competition's regional finals, and Miller will compete in the national finals in Brisbane in May. Her ultimate goal is to compete against entrants from 48 other countries in the Worldskills International Finals in Britain next year.

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Clear-cut winner: Ebony Miller (left) and her trainer Andrea De Deugd