

# Time right for Fyfe

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Damian Fyfe (15) will compete against older swimmers in January.

STIRLING swimmer Damian Fyfe will take part in the biggest competition of his short swimming career in January next year when he heads to Sydney for the Australian Youth Olympic Festival.

The competition, which will see the top under-17 swimmers from nations such as Japan and Canada compete against each other, is generally seen as a strong pathway to Olympic selection,

At just 15, Fyfe, who swims for Perth City, believes Olympic selection may be quite a few years away.

“I started swimming at a young age but I’ve only been swimming competitively since I was about 10 or 11,” he said.

“There were only two 15-year-olds selected for the team, so it was a

surprise to be selected for the competition and I guess it is also recognition that I’m performing pretty well for my age.

“Olympic selection is a long way off and while that’s an eventual goal, I’m just focused on this event for the moment.”

Despite specialising in freestyle and butterfly, Damian said he was prepared to do whatever head coach Vince Raleigh asked of him for the Australian team.

“I do like to do mainly freestyle and butterfly but whatever they need me to swim, I’ll do it.

“People don’t think of swimming as a team sport but you do function as part of a team and I’m just there do to my best for the Australian team.”