

Tiffany makes a splash

TIFFANY Galloway hasn't missed a beat in her switch from the mats to the pool.

After spending three years as a gymnast, the 11-year-old Malvern East girl took up diving and almost immediately was dazzling onlookers with her acrobatic dives.

Less than two years later Tiffany won a gold medal in the springboard at the School Sport Australia Swimming and Diving Championships and last month she claimed gold for the second straight year, taking out the national title in Hobart.

Representing Victoria and Lauriston Girls School of Armadale, the Year 6 star turned aside challengers from throughout the nation to bring home the gold.

She also placed fourth in the platform event, but was the top Victorian in the 10-12 age group.

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Tiffany is the second youngest elite diver in Victoria and at the Victorian Elite Championships finished a respectable 12th in the Under 13 age group.

She trains about 14 hours a week under former Olympic and Commonwealth Games coach Peter Panayi and is one of the youngest on the pool deck during the early morning sessions at MSAC.

Also, one of the most decorated.

■ TIFFANY Galloway is this week's Junior Sports Star, which puts her in line to win hundreds of dollars in prizes and trophies.



Tiffany shows her gold medal-winning form.

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