Kathryn’s triumph

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Kathryn Zealand, of Chelmer, is the Westside News’ YoungStar arts/education winner for January-February.

Kathryn, 16, was a member of a three-member team from Brisbane Girls Grammar School that beat the defending champions to win an invitation-only school physics tournament in the United States in February.

Kathryn’s was the only all-girl team, and the only foreign team, to compete in the US Invitational Young Physicists Tournament.

Brisbane Girls Grammar spokeswoman Carle Rutledge said the school was invited to enter the tournament because of its high profile in physics.

Kathryn and her teammates beat defending champions, Woodberry Forest School from Virginia, with a score of 344 points to 277.

The tournament was in the form of a debate, Ms Rutledge said.

Kathryn was one of two Grammar girls in the Australian team that won the International Young Physicists Tournament in Korea last year.

Studying second and third-year university subjects while completing high school, she is planning a career in quantum physics.

Nominations for the March-April YoungStar awards, sponsored by Quest Community Newspapers and McDonald’s are now open. Nominees must live in the Westside News distribution area.