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# Czech mates as pair travel to Europe for U17 championships

**O**ne wants to be a nurse and the other a sports scientist, but the pair are developing into the next big things of Australian basketball.

Taylor Ortlepp and Morgan Jaeger will experience any teenager's dream in a fortnight when they travel to Europe for the U17 World Championships in the Czech Republic.

Both girls have travelled to China for basketball with Australian squads but this is their first fully-fledged team.

"I wasn't 100 per cent confident of making the team," said Taylor who attends St Ignatius College.

"But when I found out I was very excited and proud that all my efforts have worked out. Now I get to represent my country.

The only two South Australians in the team, their only regret is leaving behind their year 11 studies.

Morgan, a student at St Johns Grammar with interests in human movement and sports science, said getting behind in their studies was a concern.

"Lately it's been a challenge because we've had to cut out a lot of school time," she said.

"And we're missing more to go to Prague. Thankfully the teachers are pretty supportive."



TALENTED: Taylor Ortlepp and Morgan Jaeger will be travelling to the Czech Republic.

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