



'Guinea pig' mum aids beaut daughter

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ASHLEY Borg's mother is often used as her guinea pig. But it's one experiment she doesn't grow tired of.

"She's been very patient and very supportive," Ms Borg said. "The things she has gone through, she loves it. Secretly, she does."

Beauty therapist Ms Borg, 23, will be in Brisbane between May 7 and 12 to compete in the national finals of the World Skills Competition for her prowess in beauty care.

The Victorian University student works at Bella Beauty Bar in Taylors Lakes as a beauty therapist and says the World Skills competition has been "a priceless experience".

"I've always been a very girly girl," she said.

"I remember in primary school my friend Amy and I used to paint our nails all different shapes and colours and patterns," she said.

Ms Borg will be judged on her professionalism, technique and a range of other criteria on beauty techniques from waxing to acrylic nails.

If she wins, she'll have a shot at representing Australia in London 2011 at the 41st International World Skills Competition. "It is a once in a lifetime opportunity. I finished my training but I thought there was always more to learn and I've learnt so much in the last two years," she said.

World Skills assesses a range of skills, from beauty care to bricklaying and sheet metal work.

Competitors are judged on national and international standards, employability, aptitude and training packages along with 500 other competitors from 50 trade and skill categories.



Skillful ... Beautician Ashley Borg is competing in the World Skills Competition.
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