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Thirteen-year-old Brighton Secondary College environmentalist Mia has won a national sustainability award. The Year 7 student is already an accomplished campaigner and radio host.

YOUNG environmentalist Mia Vissenjoux is on a mission to save the planet.



And the Brighton Secondary College year 7 student isn't afraid to speak out, wanting to spread

her message to as many as she can.

Her hard work and commitment has won her the Student of the Year award at the 2012 Resource Smart Awards, which recognise and reward Victorian schools, students and teachers for their outstanding achievements in sustainability.

"I won this award for getting my message out around the world in as many different ways as possible," Mia said. "I was really thrilled to get it."

Mia, who represents Victoria on LITTLE Committee, which is linked to Keep Australia Beautiful, said sustainability and environmental protection "are my favourite things."

"At Bentleigh West Primary sustainability was part of the curriculum and my passion for it grew there," she said.

The Smart Awards judges commended an oil spills video Mia made that was shown at the National River Health Conference.

They also mentioned Mia's hosting work on an international radio show Primary Perspectives and her SBN International Youth Leader Award last year.

Mia, who also loves law and dance, hopes environmentalism will be a big part of her future career.



In the meantime, as Brighton Secondary College environment captain, she is on a mission to clean up her school grounds.