



YOUNG DIPLOMAT . . . Madeleine McGann, 16, is off to an ecotourism conference

Talking ecotourism all the way to Norway

CATHEDRAL School student Madeleine McGann is leading the way in ecotourism in Townsville.

The year 12 student will travel to Norway in May to represent Townsville at the Global Ecotourism Conference.

Madeleine said she hoped to have the opportunity to express the views of twin cities' youth.

"I want to talk about how the youth of today don't have a voice and about how the youths feel about what needs to be done for a sustainable future," she said.

"I will be representing Townsville there and I'll be reporting back here with new ideas about ecotourism and the environment.

"There's also the possibility of a video link-up with Townsville to report back."

Madeleine said she hoped the trip would help her pursue her goal of studying environmental law.

While in Norway, Madeleine will travel with the Cathedral School senior school head Judy Newman.

Though she has plenty of experience travelling, Madeleine said she was looking forward to the trip abroad.

"I was born in London and grew up in Papua New Guinea so I've been overseas," she said.

"But I have absolutely no idea how to speak Norwegian.

"I think my teacher's more excited about the trip than me.

"Every day she comes up with a new Norwegian word."

The two will attend the conference in Oslo on May 12.