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Big future ahead for grad

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SOUTHERN Cross Catholic College graduate Shania-Lea Channon's dream of finding a cure for brain diseases is a little closer after she received an OP2 at the weekend.

"I was hoping for an OP1 but I am quite happy with the two," Shania-Lea said.

The budding scientist has had her heart set on studying medicine since Year 10.

"My dream job would be to work in medical research that helps find a cure for brain and neurological diseases," Shania-Lea said.

"The nervous system and the way the brain works has always fascinated me.

"And I want to help people."

After the nervous wait for OP results, Shania-Lea has another anxious two weeks ahead of her as she waits to find out if she has been accepted into the Bachelor of Medical Science degree at the University of Sydney.



Shania-Lea Channon ready for university. Picture: CHRIS HIGGINS

The teenager has already been granted a scholarship for the course if she is accepted.

Shania-Lea said she was looking forward to the chance to be independent and experience everything university had to offer – but admitted she would miss home and the Peninsula.

To ensure she can support herself while living away from home, Shania-Lea has been studying a certificate three and four in fitness during her holidays so she can work as a personal trainer.

"I have always loved biology and health so I am loving it," she said.