



Off to America: Steffanie Ross will be going to the US to play soccer and study at university.

# Study and play in USA

Soccer player Steffanie Ross of Cundletown knows she'll be heading to the US in 2014 to attend university as well as playing the game she loves.

She's just not sure which university she'll be attending or what competition she'll be playing in.

And at this early stage the year 11 Chatham High School student isn't 100 percent sure what she'll be studying.

"I hope to do a Bachelor of Teaching or a Bachelor of Music,"

the 16-year-old explained.

Steffanie earned her four year overseas trip through the National Scouting Report (NER), a group that recruits promising players for US universities.

She attended trials in Port Macquarie and this year Steffanie was informed that her football skills and academic levels were good enough to be offered a place on the program.

Steffanie will be away four years studying and playing in the

US university system.

"I can't wait," she said.

Steffanie plays for Moorland in the Manning women's competition. A versatile player, she has no real preferred position.

"I don't mind playing up front, but I don't really care," she explained.

She's been playing football since her primary school days, after being initially influenced to play by her mum.

"I love the game," she said.