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Darwin youngster wins a place in the Major League Baseball Australian Academy Program

Northern Territory Institute of Sport Carbine Club scholarship holder, Wilson Lee has won a place in Baseball Australia's Major League Academy Program.

Lee heads to the Gold Coast this Saturday to participate in the six week program which is also the selection series for the World Under 17 Championships to be held later this year.

The fifteen year old won his invitation courtesy of dominating performances at the Australian Under 16 Provincial Championships in Kempsey NSW, during January this year.

NT Under 16 coach Don Boyanton said in the last three months of his NTIS scholarship he has been focusing on intensive skill development, strength and conditioning, sport psychology, nutrition and hydration.

"His work rate and dedication have been impressive. He's a young man who lets his actions do the talking," said Mr Boyanton.

Lee has been training and competing since Christmas 2006 with the Baseball Oceania training camp in New Zealand and again in the Open Men's Provincial Australian Championships in Wollongong in April.

The fifteen year old has also been playing with distinction for Palmerston Reds in the Darwin Baseball Men's "A" grade competition. On Sunday evening he pitched and threw nine strikeouts in only three and one third innings against Nightcliff, personally accounting for nine of the ten possible outs.

Lee said exposure to coaching, training and competition at this elite level will really help me develop my skills further.

"NTIS Strength and Conditioning Coordinator Michael Watkins and Sport Psychologist Elizabeth Gould have helped me make improvements as an athlete and as a competitor," said Lee.

"The local Baseball community have been extremely supportive of Lee," said Mr Boyanton.

The Baseball Australia's Major League Academy Program is a six week intensive baseball camp with specialist training in the mornings and Australian squad games in the afternoons.

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