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"I AM HERE" - JAYLEE TAKES THE BIG STAGE

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[RISING STAR: Budding country artist Jaylee Daniels has been selected as a Grand Finalist in the Woolworths Songwriting Festival.](#)

Whyalla Recording Scholarship junior winner Jaylee Daniels is taking another exciting step in her music career, and doing it all while promoting mental health awareness.

Jaylee, who is just 16 years old, has been selected as one of five Grand Finalists in the Woolworths Songwriting Festival and will be heading on an all-expenses-paid trip to Sydney to perform her new song "I Am Here" at the final.

Should she win, Jaylee's song will be recorded in Sydney and used by Woolworths Australia & NZ as part of their "I Am Here" mental health campaign.

Before heading to Sydney with her mother Cathy and Mark Tempany and Alison Hams from Stormfront Productions for three days of judging and promotional

performances, Jaylee will be interviewed by a Tasmanian film crew as part of the campaign.

Jaylee says she wrote "I Am Here" as a way to show she's 'always here to give a helping hand' to those who may be going through a tough time.

"Sometimes you can help a person by just being there and listening," she said.

Jaylee found out she was a finalist while sound-checking for the Samaritan College Prize Night in December - the same prize night that she received the school's Excellence in Performing Arts Award.

"I was really surprised and excited to find out I was a finalist," she said.

"It would be such an amazing opportunity to win the songwriting festival and be able to record my song in Sydney. But just to be a finalist is so exciting.

"The experience alone is one of a kind, especially coming from a small rural town in Whyalla."

Jaylee released her debut single "Papa's Song" after being announced as the junior winner of the WRS in February last year. The song reached number 7 on the iTunes Australia Country Chart.

Jaylee plans to record "I Am Here" as her second single.

"I Am Here" Grand Final is at the legendary "Max Watts" venue in Sydney on February 19.