



# Catering students rise to the challenge



**Sweet ending: Kirsten Patriarca from La Salle College (far right) with Jack Cameron, Alicia O'Brien and David Harrison.**

LOCAL students put their hospitality skills to the test in a regional cooking and food and beverage service competition.

Challenger Institute of Technology hosted the WorldSkills Australia Vocational Education and Training in Schools competition on September 30.

La Salle College student Kirsten Patriarca was one of 16 top cooking and restaurant service competitors from Perth high schools chosen to take part.

She was joined by students from Kolbe Catholic College in Rockingham, Gilmore College in Kwinana and Willetton and Hamilton senior high schools who were judged on their ability to prepare a meal and provide a lunch service.

"Proficient service competitors were marked against stringent criteria, such as setting tables, taking orders and clearing duties," CIT hospitality lecturer Stephen Berry said.

"The cookery students, who prepared a fantastic three-course lunch, were assessed on their meal preparation, technical skills and food presentation abilities."

The winners of last week's regional competition will be announced at a WorldSkills breakfast function in December. The winners will go on to compete in the national VETiS WorldSkills competition next year.