

SUCCESS was kept in the family

Tournament

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SUCCESS was kept in the family during the Karate Academy of Japan Seiwakai Australia tournament for Elderslie family, the Patricks.

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Katherine Patrick and her stepson Harrison Ellis both placed during the Goju Ryu karate event, which featured competitors from St Helens Park and Rosemeadow dojos.

It's no surprise they performed so well as their instructor, Michael Patrick, is Katherine's husband.

Michael, who has been involved with karate for about 30 years, is the head instructor of NSW for the eight Karate Academy of Japan Seiwakai Australia dojos which he manages.

Nine-year-old Harrison won in the under-10 kumite division, while Katherine placed second in the kata class in the brown belt mixed division.

A 5th Dan Shihan head instructor, Michael said about 85 competitors from eight dojos competed.

"The standard of the competition was high as all competitors are Goju Ryu Karate Academy trained by qualified instructors," Michael said.

"We plan to have another tournament in November."

Harrison and his mother have been training in martial arts for three years.

Michael encouraged others to take up the sport at his dojo which caters for children.

"It's good for discipline, self-defence and fitness," he said.

Classes are held at the dojo at Elderslie Public School on Mondays and Thursdays from 6.30pm to 8pm.

Details: 0412 611 072.