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Aidan Smith (Year 11)

Yes, Microsoft Office Championship is a thing

Student to represent Australia in Florida.

Microsoft Office is a set of complex content creation tools with dozens of menus that we personally never use for fear of getting lost in a labyrinth of unwanted columns, uneven paragraph spacing and default styles. However, there is a rare breed of human out there that knows how to use the software in its entirety so well that one of these individuals has won the Australia National Championship for Microsoft Word. Yes, Aidan Smith – of All Saints College, Perth – won the trip of a lifetime and recently travelled to Orlando, Florida, to participate in the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) World Championship along with 151 other finalists from around the world. Aidan managed to clinch seventh place in the championship, which included being tested on his ability to create spreadsheets in Excel, docs in Word and presentations in PowerPoint. So where to now for our champion? According to the Vice President of Worldwide Education at Microsoft, the skills he has learnt and the certification from MOS gives him “tangible proof” that he knows “how to use Microsoft Office tools in academics and on the job from day one”. At the very least, it should help to pad out his resume.