

2022 International Geography Olympiad

The Olympiad was one of the most incredible experiences of my life and I will never forget it. Jessica

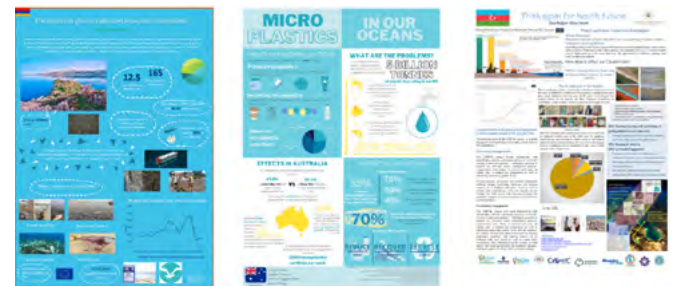
Students from a record 54 countries took part in the 2022 International Geography Olympiad. Unfortunately it had to be held virtually, so instead of going to Paris, the Australian team gathered on the Gold Coast from 11 to 18 July. Representing Australia were:

- Lucy Schwarz, Arden Anglican School, Sydney, NSW
- Justine Thomas, Comet Bay College, Rockingham, WA
- Ioanna Vaughan-Jones, Walford Anglican School for Girls, Adelaide, SA
- Jessica Wang, St George Girls High School, Sydney, NSW



L to r: Ioanna, Jessica, Justine, Lucy

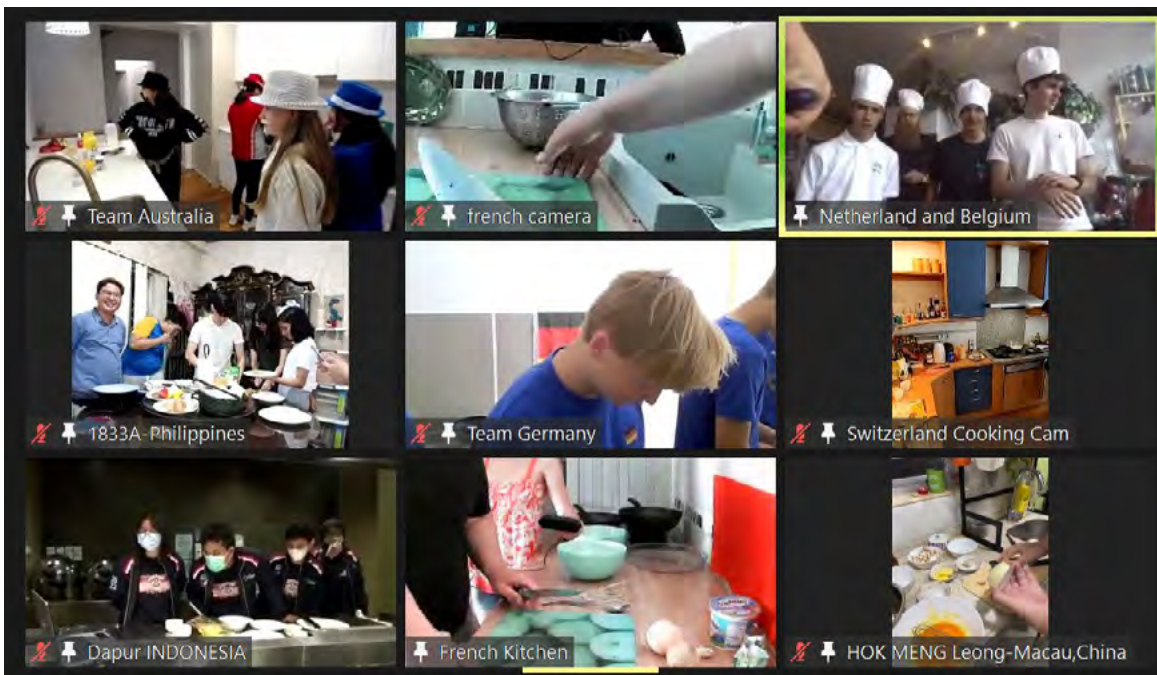
The Olympiad programme usually consists of three separate exams, poster presentations, a cultural function and visits to places of geographical interest. For the poster presentation, teams prepared a poster in advance on the theme of microplastics, the effects in their country and possible solutions. They shared these online and met virtually in small groups to discuss each other's posters – not quite the same as a large noisy crowd of students engaged in face-to-face conversations!



Posters from Armenia, Australia and Azerbaijan

During the cultural function, teams participate in hands-on learning about some aspect of our host country's culture. The French hosts came up with the smart idea of teaching everyone to cook a classic French omelette. A list of ingredients and equipment was supplied in advance. Not all teams were able to access a kitchen,

but some could. It was no problem for Australia as the team was staying in a large house. So, with web cameras on, the students got cooking.



A selection of teams cooking during the cultural function

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As a small compensation for missing out on exploring Paris and the surrounding region, the students explored the Gold Coast and its hinterland – on the water, in the air and on the land.



Paddle boarding on Currumbin Creek



... and on foot

We are proud of the achievements of all four students but special congratulations to **Ioanna who was awarded a bronze medal**, and **Lucy on her gold medal**.

Geography's Big Week Out and Australia's participation in the Olympiad are supported by the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment, the University of Melbourne, and the University of New South Wales.

Students participating in next year's Australian Geography Competition will have the chance to represent their state/territory at the 2023 Geography's Big Week Out and their country at the 2024 International Geography Olympiad in Dublin.

For more information on the Competition, see the website at www.geographycompetition.org.au or email competition@rgsq.org.au.

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