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# New England Electorate home to one of Australia's top secondary students

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FEDERAL Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce said he was delighted that Macintyre High School's Alexander Dimmock from Inverell was today named as one of the winners of the Australian Student Prize.

The New England Electorate recipient is one of the top 500 senior secondary school students across the country to have taken home prizes valued at \$2,000 each.

The Australian Student Prize recognises academic excellence and achievement of students in senior secondary years, with this year's winners being rewarded for their work during the 2013 school year.

Mr Joyce said he was proud that the Electorate of New England was home to such an exceptional student.

"These awards are an ideal way to recognise the wonderful work that senior school students do, and I'm delighted that we have a winner based in the Electorate," Mr Joyce said.

"I'm sure I speak for the entire Inverell community when I offer my warmest congratulations to Alexander."

Nominees for the Australian Student Prize are put forward by state and territory curriculum, assessment and certification authorities.

Allocation of prizes between the states and territories is calculated on their relative share of the Year 12 population, based on enrolment data from the previous year. The Australian Student Prize has been awarded nationally since 1991.

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