Web of triumph

A BROADMEADOWS computer whiz has triumphed in an international competition.

Isik College student Hakan Tarakci won a bronze medal at the International Computer Project Olympiad in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan last month. The 15-year-old was one of only four Australians who competed.

Despite being too young to legally drink alcohol, Hakan spent three weeks researching the health dangers of young people using drugs, which became the basis for his computer game.

"I had to wrap my head around the topic and make sure my design of the website suited it," he said.

He said competing alongside other keen teenagers from around the world had motivated him to become an IT programmer.

"It is great fun to program software, you can do lots of useful stuff with it," he said. "One of the best things about the trip was being able to spend two weeks with my family in Turkey after the competition."

Hakan, who was recently named dux of year 10, said he hoped to compete again next year.

Hakan Tarakci with his bronze medal.