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# Tops in global distinction

By Amanda Keane

THE Hills Grammar School's year 9 student Tiffany Wu certainly knows her stuff when it comes to geography.

Tiffany, of Rouse Hill, has come first in NSW in the under 16s division in the National Geographic Australian Geography Competition.

This is a nationwide optional competition for students from years 7 to 12.

Tiffany Wu's geography teacher, Kate Kempthorne, is proud of her achievements.

"Tiffany is such a bright student and she has a good knowledge of geography and also a great knowledge outside the classroom, which is why she has done so well," Ms Kempthorne said.

"We are delighted for her."

Tiffany had never even hoped for coming first in the state and said she would have been content if she had been awarded High Distinction.

"I have received High Distinctions before and last year I came fifth, so I was really aiming for another," she said.

"I was shocked when I found out I came first, but also very proud."

She attributes her success in the competition to "looking at my atlas and thinking logically".

In June she will compete against seven others in the national finals.



**Atlas, application, award:** Armed with atlas, Tiffany Wu says she is studying as much as she can ahead for next month's national final in the National Geographic Australian Geography Competition.

Picture: Kieren Tilly

"If I win that, I get to go to the world championships and compete against the best in the world," she said.

"That would be great."

Tiffany said she was studying "very hard" for the finals next month.

Ms Kempthorne said: "I am lucky to be going along to the national finals with Tiffany along with some of her friends and her family so that

we are there to support her and see her do well in the finals."

The National Geographic Australian Geography Competition tests geography students' depth of understanding of the subject, as well as of a wide base of generic skills and knowledge.

Between 85,000 and 90,000 geography students take part in the competition each year.