Naheen Mahbub – Winner of the NSW Secondary Business Person of the Year 2007

Naheen Mahbub, a year 12 student at Baulkham Hills High School was awarded the 2007 NSW Secondary Business Person of the Year by the Young Achievement Australia (YAA) Business Skills Program. This program is run on an annual basis all over Australia, for both high school and university students.

To join the contest students have to set up a company and go through the life-cycle from



establishment to liquidation in a real business environment, over six months. 44 companies took part in the contest from Sydney alone.

Sponsored by ResMed Ltd Naheen established his designer T-shirt company called Euphoria and ran it for six months as the Managing Director. A very successful company Euphoria made almost \$5000 in sales providing its shareholders with 75% return on their investment. Euphoriya was also awarded the NSW Marketing Initiative Award 2007 and the National Annual Report Award 2007 from YAA.

Naheen was nominated for the Secondary award by his sponsor company ResMed Ltd. along with approximately 400 other award nominees. He sat for a two hour exam based on business skills, YAA program itself and general knowledge. 8 students were short listed Naheen was one of them. The next stage of the selection process involved a half hour presentation and interview with executive staff from Department of Education, Castle Towers and Corrs Chambers Westgarth.

On the 9th of November 2007 at the YAA NSW Awards Presentation evening, Naheen Mahbub was announced the winner of the NSW Secondary Business Person of the Year.

The YAA Business Skills program is an amazing opportunity for students to gain hands on knowledge of the business world in a safe and fun environment. The program is run every year. For details please visit YAA website <u>www.yaa.org.au</u>.