



**Jacob Waislitz at the South Pole.**

# Explorer from Bialik reaches new heights

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BIALIK College year 11 student Jacob Waislitz reached new heights over his summer holiday and became the youngest Australian to climb Mount Vinson in Antarctica.

Mount Vinson, which is the continent's largest mountain, is no easy feat and Waislitz, together with his father, braved the cold climate, tough terrain and difficult conditions to reach the summit.

The father and son duo reached the top of Mount Vinson a few days before Waislitz's 17th birthday and marked the occasion in the South Pole.

Having climbed Africa's Mount

Kilimanjaro when he was 14, the Bialik student is now inspired to become the youngest Australian to join the "Seven Summits' Club," which requires members to climb the seven tallest peaks across the seven continents.

He told *The AJN* it was an unforgettable experience and he is proud of this achievement.

"It was just an awesome experience," enthused Waislitz. "To reach the summit felt like a great achievement as it was a culmination of all the hard work we put into training."

He described the climax of the hike, "It was very cold on the summit, it was almost minus 52 degrees and I was wearing about six layers."