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# MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL MANAGING DIRECTOR

We hope that you and your families had a lovely Easter and a great start to Term 2.

We are delighted to officially launch the North Shore Coaching College Foundation in Memory of Mrs Demi Mak on 14 May 2021. In addition to delivering high quality, affordable educational services to over 65 campuses in Australia and Hong Kong, we are proud to further support our community through our charitable activities. Mrs Demi Mak, our Founder, was a generous and humble lady, a capable businesswoman and a fearless leader, who supported worthy causes throughout her life. It is fitting that investment income from the funds in the Foundation will be donated to support charitable works in a way that Mrs Mak would have supported.

As expected, the Department of Education has now confirmed the new format and scoring methodology for the Opportunity Class (OC) Placement test, with Reading, Mathematical Reasoning and Thinking Skills being the new format of the exam and a new scoring approach increasing the weighting of the exam component relative to the school component. Together with earlier changes to the Selective High School Placement Test, North Shore Coaching College is constantly revamping teaching materials to ensure that our students are well prepared. Feel free to speak with our Campus Directors and/or staff if you have any questions.

Stay tuned for our upcoming Competitions and Assessments. These include SWAT, ICAS and SEAMO. The Selective Written Assessment Test (SWAT) is a mock examination experience that occurs annually and is aimed at helping Primary school students in Years 3, 4 and 5 prepare for the Opportunity Classes (OC) Placement Test, Selective High School Placement Test and Scholarship exams. Through over 30 years of educational experience, we have found that practising sitting an examination in a test environment **reduces test anxiety and improves performance** when it comes to the 'real deal'. You can register on our website <u>www.swatexam.com.au</u>. Wishing you a wonderful Term 2 ahead. Sitting the OC Placement Test on 21 July 2021? Preparing for the Selective School Placement Test in 2022? Sit SWAT to get the best practice for exam success on the new test formats.



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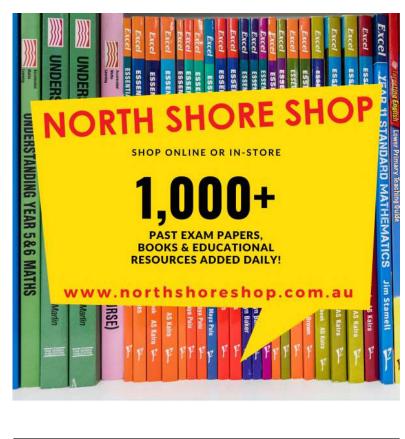
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# The Celebration of Success

North Shore Coaching College is a special place.

It abounds with talented, dedicated and motivated students. Their enthusiasm for learning is an inspiration - indeed, the inspiration for this column.

At our Chatswood Campus we have a young lady by the name of Florance K. who, at the tender age of 8, has become a published author.

It is quite amazing at that age to have your writing selected for inclusion in **one** national publication. It is exceptional for your writing to be included in **two** such publications! Yes, Florance is now a TWICE published author! Her stories can be found in the Junior Writers Club publications, **"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to...."** and **"A Most Unusual Pet"**.

For each of these publications her work has been selected from the work of students across Australia in the 8 to 18 age group. It is a wonderful achievement worth celebrating.

Talking with her parents it becomes obvious how much Florance loves to learn. She looks forward to her classes at North Shore. Writing has become a particular passion. At North Shore we celebrate passion, effort and success.

I was extremely humbled when Florance's mother explained that she credits Florance's success to her lessons and teachers at North Shore. We see the education of each of our students as a privilege and seek nothing in return but their success and continued growth.

In 35 years as an educator I know of few places where students look forward to attending classes and embrace learning with such passion as they do at North Shore. It is why I have stayed with the College for 22 years. What we do works. Really works.

Thank you, Florance, for allowing us to accompany you on your learning journey.

If your child has met with academic success on a regional, state or national level please feel free to contact me so their wonderful achievement can be acknowledged and celebrated.

Finally, to ALL our budding scholars, writers, and mathematicians - we will support you every step of the way towards your success. The future belongs to those brave enough to embrace the challenges, face their fears and learn from their mistakes.

Have a wonderful term everyone.

### **Tony Hanlon**

National Deputy Principal North Shore Coaching College



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## Introducing: North Shore Coaching College Charity



Foundation In Memory of Mrs Demi Mak

We are delighted to launch the North Shore Coaching College Foundation in Memory of Mrs Demi Mak on the 1-year anniversary of Mrs Demi Mak's passing; 14th of May 2021.

The Foundation continues Mrs

Mak's philanthropic legacy, generous heart and desire to make a difference in the education space. Mrs Demi Mak was a visionary who started the North Shore Coaching College business in 1991 together with husband, Andy Mak, from humble beginnings in Chatswood, New South Wales in Australia. The business has grown to over 65 campuses in Australia and Hong Kong, delivering "Tuition that Works!" to assist students and parents from all walks of life.

Mrs Mak supported a variety of organisations to bring happiness to human lives.

Mrs Mak is remembered by her family, friends and staff, as an ambitious and elegant lady with a generous heart who brought people together to enjoy life.

#### Mr Anson Mak

National Managing Director North Shore Coaching College



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