

Thank you Toni,

Good evening Students, Parents & Honorable Guests! I am delighted to welcome all of you for coming to enjoy our Annual Awards presentation. This year we have admirable number of more than a hundred & 30 high achievers receiving awards.

Winning top score in the ATAR; ICAS; scholarships and / or the GATE Placements; is a remarkable achievement that you should be justifiably proud. This achievement is a wonderful return for your **parent's** investment and your efforts; it also proves that you have the potential to thrive.

Although, it's just the beginning of more challenges to overcome for ensuring continual success.

Tonight, I would like to pose some questions to you and share my thoughts on them.

First: What drives you to achieve excellence in your further studies?

Second: What's the most important thing you can do to realize your goals?

Lastly: How can you secure a desired career and enjoy your life better? To address my first question, what drive you to obtain excellent results?

Obviously, there are many fundamental factors such as personal health, favorable living conditions & environment that can affect your overall performance; nevertheless, some other crucial criteria such as high intelligence, Self-discipline & determination on hard work will directly influence your opportunity to obtain top marks in all your exams.

Intelligence is something inherent, that we can hardly organize to gain superiority over. Self-discipline and determination is mainly cultivated and nurtured by parents, families & friends, to a certain extent it depends on your upbringing and that is in general difficult to change.

So, apparently, hard work is the only factor that, if you wish, you can manage and control.

As you know, nowadays, enormous information is available on the internet, you can easily find stories of individuals from all walks of life, either healthy or handicapped, who talk about how they strive to survive and advance, despite of many obstacles in life. They developed skill to be outstanding through pure determination and consistent practices.

There is a Chinese saying: “台上一分鐘, 台下十年功” that means “People need 10 years of practice for a successful 1-minute talent-show on stage”.

It's necessary to set goals in your life. It's necessary to work towards those goals, to develop yourself to the best of your ability and strive towards your success. Achievers grasp every single opportunity to improve, so as to attain perfect results.

No matter where you start from, no matter how bright you are, if you want to be outstanding, you need to work hard. However, hard work is not merely rote repetition; you need to do something smart. An exam is not testing what you can simply remember, but it tests how you apply what you have digested and mastered. The majority of all students can only memorize information and instructions, in contrast, top performers can also analyze and evaluate, they can develop arguments; they can give what the examiners want to observe from the exams.

North Shore Coaching College receives many thank you letters and compliments every year. Parents and teachers always say that “North Shore teaching programs are excellent and second to none”. In fact, most of our new students are introduced by our highly satisfied students; parents and teachers. For this, please accept my sincere gratitude to all of you for your trust and support.

Here I won't forget to extend my thankfulness to all our Tutors and Staffs at North Shore for their dedication & devotion in inspiring our students to achieve their highest potential. To show our gratitude to all our Tutors and your achievements today please join me to put your hands together.

Now, it gives me great pleasure to point out that the most essential reason that brings us many joyful & memorable gatherings like today is because, 30 years ago, an intelligent family meticulously created our fantastic coaching system, and continue to work diligently in enhancing our teaching programs. They are the Founders and Directors of our College,.. the Mak's family. ...Mr Andy Mak and Our Managing Director Mr Anson Mak have travelled from Sydney especially, to be with us tonight, on behalf of thousands of grateful parents and successful students from North Shore, We welcome you again to Perth,and I would ask everybody to please rise, and give a round of applause to appreciate their invaluable contributions. Thank you! Please be seated.

It brings me to my last question tonight; how to enjoy your life better? You need to know the pursuit of happiness... A simple and effective way to make our lives better is to complete your University education and become an expert in a recognized profession, such as an Engineer, a Scientist, a Doctor, a Lawyer, an Artist or Educator etc. then you can contribute to the community by passing on your knowledge, your expertise & skills, and provide sound advice to improve the lives of others. As a result, high self esteem and satisfaction will make your life more exciting & enjoyable.

Dear students, as you may be aware, human diligence & intelligence has always been advancing & improving, robots and automation are being utilized to replace human beings for most work opportunities.As a new generation in this race between human intelligence and artificial intelligence, it will be challenging for you to secure a desired career post-graduation.

So to gain competitive advantages, you will need to acquire more comprehensive knowledge... especially in Engineering and Scientific studies; build up an ingenious mindset and be more creative while keeping up with contemporary technologies.

Till now, with your exceptional academic foundation and the wholehearted support from parents, I have full confidence that you'll continue making every effort to achieve your goals and bring more happiness to our society and the world.

Without further ado, I would like to invite our Founder & Director to say a few words. Andy, who was the winner of the Distinguished Australian Chinese Award in 2001, please welcomes Mr. Andy Mak. Thank you.