

## North Shore Annual Presentation Speech 2022 (Chelsea Wu)

Good evening guests, teachers, parents and students. My name is Chelsea Wu, and I am currently a Year 7 student at Perth Modern School. It is a huge honour to be able to stand here tonight and share my North Shore experience with you. Thanks to North Shore, I have been awarded scholarships from All Saint's College and Perth Modern through GATE. I have also been prized with Digital Technology and Writing ICAS medals recently.

I started North Shore in Year 1 and I have loved my learning journey since. North Shore has always made the classes very useful but fun and enjoyable at the same time. All the teachers are brilliant and have made all the classes interesting and helpful. I have made many strong friends at North Shore that help me excel and keep pushing each other up to our potential to succeed.

At the beginning, it was rather shaky. Having to sit in class listening to the teacher for 3 and a half hours sounded like torture to a 5-year-old. It was a nightmare to imagine, having to drag yourself out of the warm and cosy bed on a Sunday morning. After a few weeks, every puzzle piece fitted into its place like a jigsaw and 'Sunday School' assimilated into your routine. You would start making great friends and enjoy accelerating through the progressive program.

Apart from academic knowledge, I have also gained precious lessons of how to embrace life's challenges and how to balance school, international music festivals and intense national sports competitions. I am the WA and Queensland Under 13 state champions in table tennis. I have also performed advanced Sonatas in piano and violin at Carnegie Hall in New York.

I am grateful for North Shore and all the exceptional teachers at Rossmoyne who have taught me well. I would also like to thank my parents for their continuous support and encouragement to excel in any endeavours.

A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step, and that step is North Shore.

Thank you.