

Northshore Speech by Diya Sanjay (Speaker 2022):

Perth Modern School acceptance and St Hilda's Scholarship recipient

An array of glistening gold trophies of various shapes and sizes, proud pictures of award-winning students adorning the side walls and bustling classes with knowledge craving young minds who are being taught by equally enthusiastic teachers. This was my very first experience as I entered the Northshore coaching centre about four years ago. Hi, my name is Diya Sanjay, and I am extremely honoured to be here today. Thank you, Mr Ng, and Mrs Iris for choosing me to share my success story and experience at Northshore. Today as I stand before you, I feel very proud and honoured that I was offered an acceptance to Perth Modern School through GATE OR ASET exam as well as an Academic & All-rounder scholarship at St Hilda's Anglican school. Presently, I am a year 7 student at Perth Modern School, and I am loving every bit of it.

As I turn back the wheel of time, I vividly remember my first day at Northshore. It was during my year 2 summer holidays that I first joined the holiday classes at Northshore and by the end of the 5 days I was begging my parents to enrol me in regular classes at Northshore. To be brutally honest, I had a hidden agenda and that was to try and add to my holiday certificates a few more certificates while attending the regular classes so that I could exchange it for one of those sparkling trophies. My parents chuckled and probably thought "yes, this plan of trying out the holiday classes are working for sure, our child has also fallen for those tempting trophies". So, after enrolment, each week, my target was to get at least two certificates, one in Maths and one in English and sometimes if we were lucky the teacher would even give us a creative writing certificate too! In the quest for these certificates and precious trophies, little did I know that my academic skills and abilities were also improving week by week.

I was soon finding schoolwork to be a breeze and as the years passedmy exam taking time, problem solving skills, creative writing technique and comprehension all started improving steadily. The competitive individual inside me, made me strive towards getting those certificates to exchange for the trophies every week. Soon, I could see myself attending annual Northshore award ceremonies for being the topper in ICAS exams and winning ICAS medals, getting my photo up on the wall at Northshore and getting my name in the newsletters. All this boosted my confidence and drive even more. Trust me, the journey was not smooth, it did have bumps and sharp turns but with the support of my teachers and parents I was able to come back to level grounds and soon enough I could see myself comfortably cruising.

Don't get me wrong, I completely hear you when you complain, "It's a weekend and I don't want to be sitting in a tutoring centre" but, trust me when you receive that scholarship acceptance letter from your dream school, you will know the value of the coaching you received at Northshore and thank your parents for doing the right thing for you. Above all your confidence in your own ability and potential will skyrocket.

Northshore has been instrumental to my success at Gate and scholarship exams because Northshore provided me with important study skills, self-discipline, advanced course materials and much more. I

also obtained valuable training in how to tackle hard questions within a given time limit which is the key to success in any scholarship exam. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all my wonderful teachers at Northshore for showing me my true potential and for guiding me all throughout. Thank you for making one of my many dreams come true.

Remember, the fact that you are here today, already proves that you are along the right path towards success, that you have tried hard and made a dream come true. Success does not come overnight, it's the sum of repeated small effort and achievement over years and today you proved that your efforts are reaping results. The doors to your dreams have been opened for you by your parents and teachers here at Northshore, now whether to enter it with full vigour and an open mind or with hesitation and uncertainty is in your hands. All you have to remember is: You are braver than you believe, Stronger than you seem and Smarter than you think and the only thing between you and your goal is you yourself so never consider study as a duty but as an enviable opportunity to learn. Wishing you all a successful year ahead. Thank You.