

Mr Bill Ng Principal, Mrs Iris Ng Deputy Principal, Western Australia Campus Directors, Distinguished Guests, Parents & Students of the North Shore Community

What an honour to be sharing in this special moment of the 2023 Annual Awards Presentation for North Shore TEE Success College with our North Shore community.

2022 to 2023 has continued to be a challenging period as we are coming out of COVID in Australia. Our students have transitioned back to face to face learning at school, in an environment where technology continues to evolve and be increasingly intertwined in our lives. AI or artificial intelligence challenges the boundaries of learning and working not only for students but all of us. At North Shore, we continue to be honoured and proud to be part of your child's journey to prepare for exams, improve learning, and to achieve and celebrate success against this ongoing backdrop of change and development.

North Shore continues to be a forward looking and progressive international education organisation, and in our 30+ years of providing Tuition that Works to students in Australia and Hong Kong, we are always looking for ways to improve the student and customer experience. We continue to educate our students to persevere and learn the techniques of problem solving, mathematical reasoning, writing, critical and creative thinking, and practice, rather than using Chat GPT and AI tools to merely come up with an answer without understanding how the answer is derived.

At North Shore, we are very excited to complete and plan for projects that continue to improve student learning outcomes such as our NAPLAN adaptive testing platform, problem solving initiatives and curriculum development initiatives, in addition to our long-standing track record of working with universities and Governments in leading edge educational projects.

Later this year, as part of our transitioning into a more modern education organisation, we will be implementing a new Student Enrolment Administration System (EASy) where your enrolment and re-enrolment experience with North Shore will be more seamless.

We are also very proud of our activities in the community, and our charity organisation North Shore Coaching College Charity Foundation in memory of Mrs Demi Mak has continued to support improved access to education far and wide. These community groups include St Edmund's College to support

education and wellbeing of students with disabilities, Jesuit Mission to support the scholarship program at Xavier Jesuit School in Cambodia to bring education to children and youth from disadvantaged communities and households, and Caritas Australia to support the Sustaining Education Program for Burmese refugees in Thailand and Myanmar.

Tonight I would like to congratulate our students on their fine achievements. It is no easy task and you should all be very proud of yourselves and your successes.

Even more importantly, and to continue the tradition of our National Principal Mr Andy Mak, there is one thing we must never forget, and that is to say thank you. To all our award winners tonight, while you should be very proud of your own success, you should also be aware of those facilitators who have been looking after you, encouraging you, supporting you, providing you with all necessities of life and giving you every opportunity to excel. Guess who? Your parents, your mums and dads!!

So students, when you see your parents after the conclusion of this presentation ceremony, please don't forget to hug them and say loudly to them: "thank you mum and dad, thank you, I love you".

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my father, Andy Mak. National Principal, my late mother Demi Mak, my wife and family, all staff past and present, for all their guidance and support, all parents who have and continue to support North Shore in our 30+ years of operation, and all our students who have persevered through pages and pages of North Shore materials to achieve success today.

Of course an evening like tonight does not just happen. In fact I have the easier part to come up, arrive and deliver a speech, so I would like to thank Bill Ng our Principal, Iris Ng, Deputy Principal, the entire team of Campus Directors and all our teachers and staff for their tireless efforts to bring North Shore where we are today in WA.

Thank you