

Hannah Nguyen – 2023 Speaker

Methodist Ladies' College, Presbyterian Ladies' College, & Perth Modern School

Good evening teachers, staff, students and distinguished guests.

It is an honour to be standing here to share my journey with you tonight. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the students here. It is an amazing achievement, and you should all be very proud of yourselves.

My name is Hannah Nguyen, and I am currently a Year 7 student at Perth Modern School. Apart from receiving a scholarship to Perth Modern School through the Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Program, I also received academic scholarships to Methodist Ladies' College, Presbyterian Ladies' College and was Dux of my primary school.

This would all not be possible without North Shore.

North Shore supported and accelerated me in so many ways, and shaped me into the person I am today. At North Shore, I received work that I would never see in the classroom, and I loved the challenge. It accelerated my learning, and I began to think faster and more creatively. My teachers taught me that success is achieved with perseverance and dedication. They wrote detailed explanations for things I got wrong, and on how to improve for next time. Every week, I would come home knowing new things, and that only made me more excited to attend North Shore the following week. It enriched my life with possibilities and inspired me to become the best person I could.

I started North Shore later than other students, having been to other tuition centres previously. However, North Shore is by far the best, with a great team and the most positive mindset. They know that knowledge is not memorizing, but by understanding, and they strive to help you to understand and not just rote learn. My teachers instilled the importance of hard work, and everyone wants the best for you to succeed.

Moreover, North Shore was not only great for my learning, but I met like-minded students who had the same goals as I did, and who were also willing to ask more to learn more. We pushed each other on, and it paid off. Some of these students are also now at Perth Modern School, and have become my good friends.

So I thank North Shore, and I have great gratitude to the teachers, staff and fellow students who have made it such a positive learning journey.