

## Luke Zhao – 2023 Speaker

### Perth Modern School

Good evening, parents, staff and students.

My name is Luke, and I want to share my story about how I was accepted into Perth Modern School and how a tuition centre named North Shore helped me along the way. I'll start with thanking the North Shore staff for helping me through my incredible learning journey over these years. They were a key part of my success and I will never be able to thank them enough.

I had always wanted to study at Perth Modern School, but I knew it was a competitive school with high academic standards, so I started working hard to achieve my goal. However, I knew I needed extra help to succeed. That's when I found North Shore. I started North Shore when I was in Year 4. I was very shy at that time, and I didn't know what to expect of North Shore. I came into the campus with my head down, but as soon as I walked into the classroom, I felt welcomed and at ease. The tutors at North Shore were friendly, knowledgeable, and had a passion for teaching, and my fellow students were supportive and empathetic. They made learning fun and exciting, which helped me stay motivated, focused and inquisitive.

The teachers broke down complex concepts into simple terms, which made it easy for me to understand. They also gave me adequate attention, which meant I could ask as many questions as I needed without feeling embarrassed. With North Shore's help, I started improving both academically and socially. I felt more confident in myself, and I was determined to achieve my dream of studying at Perth Modern School.

I continued attending North Shore, and they continued to support me every step of the way. Today, I am proud to say that I have been accepted into Perth Modern School, and I couldn't have done it without the aid of North Shore's staff and students. They were more than just people to me; they were mentors and friends who believed in me and my dreams.

I would also like to thank my parents for supporting me through these hard times. They paid for my education, urged me to wake up to get ready for North Shore, helped me study, reassured me when I was nervous and celebrated with me when I achieved. Without them, I could never have achieved my dream of studying at Perth Modern without them.

In closing, I want to thank the North Shore staff, my peers and my parents for helping me achieve my goal. To all students out there who are struggling, don't give up on your dreams, even if there seems to be no way ahead. Seek help, work hard, and believe in yourself, and you will achieve your goals too. Thank you.