

# From Strategy to Success - Messages From Our Leaders

## Mr. Ben Ng - North Shore State Managing Director & Principal

Before I begin, I'd like to start by acknowledging the traditional custodian of the lands we are meeting on here today.

Good evening esteemed guests, proud parents, dedicated educators, and of course, our shining stars—GATE and Scholarship winners, as well as our top 1% ATAR achievers!

Tonight, we're not just celebrating academic excellence. We are honoring the courage, dedication, and resilience of students who've gone above and beyond—and the legacy of 35 incredible years of North Shore Coaching College, where success is never an accident, but the result of passion, guidance, and a lot of hard work.

Since 1991, North Shore has been more than a coaching college—it's been a launchpad. We've helped students achieve spots in Gifted & Talented programs, earn scholarships, and rise to the top of ATAR rankings. But more importantly, we've nurtured curious minds and built lifelong learners. Tonight's celebration is a tribute to YOU—the students who stayed the course. To those who turned frustration into fuel, and setbacks into comebacks. Your results speak volumes—but so does your growth. But don't forget the people standing behind each and every one of you, your parents and guardians.

Who gave up weekends to chauffeur you to class, packed your snacks, and supported you through this journey—this success is theirs too. So don't forget to give them a hug later, it will mean more than any trophy you will receive tonight. And of course, your tutors, who are more than just your teachers, they are your motivators, confidence boosters, and sometimes even a councilor.

Remember to thank them next time you see them in class, it would mean a world to them. As we delve further into the digital age with Artificial Intelligence taking over everyday tasks, it may seem like there are a lot of uncertainty in our life and our future. But I am here to tell you, by fostering your foundations in learning, you will not only know how to navigate through the challenges in your path but also adapt to any changes that are inevitable in your life.

This is where North Shore is endeavour to achieve, setting up the foundations in you so that you may grow from, and take agency over your future utilising the tools AI creates for us. I can't wait to see the mark you will make. So, as we honor your success tonight, remember two things:

**Be Grateful** – Thank the people who stood by and support you: your parents, your tutors, and your friends

**Growth** – Never stop learning. Stay curious, adaptable, and resilient. The future isn't for those who fear change—it belongs to those who shape it.

For 35 years, North Shore Coaching has helped build students into thinkers, problem solvers, and dreamers. And tonight's winners are the latest chapter in that story. Your journey is just beginning—and the world needs to see what only YOU can offer. Congratulations.

Now let's have a round of applause for our students, their families, and our North Shore team!



## Mr. Anson Mak - North Shore National Managing Director

Mr Bill Ng, Mrs Iris Ng, Mr Ben Ng, Distinguished Guests, Campus Directors, Teachers, Staff and Students: · Acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, Whadjuk people of the Nyoongar Nation, elders past, present and emerging.

It is lovely to be back in Perth again to share in the 2025 Presentation Evening and to celebrate academic excellence. First and foremost, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful leadership team in WA – led by Bill, Iris and Ben, our Campus Directors, tutors and customer care consultants. Without their commitment and dedication, we would not have North Shore Coaching College in Perth today. Today is merely a small glimpse into the leadership and experienced stewardship of the team in Perth.

North Shore Coaching College was established in 1991 by my parents – by my father Mr Andy Mak – National Principal and my late mother Mrs Demi Mak Founder. Since this time, providing Tuition that Works, helping students succeed and realise their potential has always been our priority. So it is an honour and I am deeply humbled to celebrate with you all tonight and to be a part of your and your child's educational journey. It is exciting to see North Shore backpacks as I am walking down Hay Street Mall, but it is even more exciting seeing North Shore Coaching College students obtaining GATE entries, scholarships, achieving outstanding results in TEE and achieving great things in their professional lives after university – and sharing their positive experiences with everyone.

Education is a passport to the future, and tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. I still pinch myself at the thought that a little over 5 years ago we went through COVID and all its dramas – but despite this, education of our students, and the delivery of a superior education and customer experience remains a priority.

In the last 5 years, we have seen the way that we work, learn and teach in the classroom change, and how we report academic progress change, and it will CONTINUE to change, as the role of technology and AI becomes more prevalent in our day to day lives. At North Shore, we are very mindful of improving our programs and the way we impart knowledge to ensure our students are resilient, flexible, future ready, in a society where problem solving, critical thinking skills and higher order thinking and reasoning skills will become more important.

You would have seen some exciting developments especially in our Year 3-5 programs recently in terms of incorporating computer-based homework to complement pen and paper tasks. Moving forward, you will continue to see more exciting developments in how our students learn and complete homework tasks as more assessments continue shifting from pen and paper to a computer-based format.

The increasing embracing of AI also brings a lot of risk for our future generations. There is a danger of relying on shortcuts for everything and not understanding how things are derived from first principles. So continue to be curious about things and about the world around you, ask what, where, why and how something comes about rather than just chasing for the answer. Understand how to write an essay and its structure, rather than automatically asking AI to generate an answer for you. Understand mental arithmetic and the steps of problem solving, rather than just giving an answer.

Also importantly, continue to harness meaningful human relationships and in person interactions. Individuals with all roundedness and strong soft skills will no doubt have an edge in a future society where AI will take increasing prevalence. At North Shore Coaching College, we aim to not just provide an education, but to equip our students with other life skills. As Martin Luther King once said, "Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education". We hope that your trophies and experiences at North Shore continue to enable you to develop lifelong friendships, positive learning habits and inspiration for a fulfilled and meaningful life. We hope Students, that you remember to thank all people around you – your parents, brothers/sisters, friends, grandparents, teachers, who have helped you to where you are today. If you have had a great experience with us, I would be most grateful if you could follow us on social media, whether it be on Facebook, Insta, TikTok, Wechat or RedNOTE – follow us and give us a like or give us a Google Review. It means a lot to us and for our future students and parents.

Lastly, I would like to thank you all for your support of North Shore Coaching College. This allows our own charity foundation to undertake charitable works by donating to provide access to education to those less fortunate than us and for charities involved in breast cancer support services for patients and their families. Congratulations again to all our students and their families.

You all deserve a big pat on the back, and I take my hat off to you.



## Dr. Shakeel Mowlaboccus - North Shore Prestigious Tutor

Principal, students, invited guests, distinguished ladies and gentlemen – Good evening.

It is truly an honour to stand before you today. For those who don't know me, I'm Dr Shakeel Mowlaboccus – though to most of my students, I'm simply known as "Shaxx."

I joined the North Shore family in 2009, just a week after I moved to Australia from my home country. I'll never forget that moment – sitting across from our Principal, Mr Bill Ng, during my interview. Bill saw something in me that day, and for that, I'll always be grateful.

Over the past 15 years, I've had the privilege of teaching more than 250 students at North Shore, primarily in Year 12 Mathematics Specialist, Mathematics Methods, Physics, and Chemistry. These subjects are demanding, but the curiosity and commitment I've seen in our students has always inspired me.

North Shore isn't just a place where students prepare for exams – it's where future leaders, innovators, and responsible citizens are nurtured. Our students are known not only for their academic excellence, but also for their honesty, integrity, and their relentless thirst for knowledge.

It has been a true privilege to work alongside the dedicated team here in WA, led by Mr and Mrs Bill Ng. I extend my heartfelt thanks to both of you for your trust and belief in my teaching. You've created more than just an educational institution – you've built a community that values growth, excellence, and compassion.

To become a successful scientist in medical research, I've had to dedicate countless hours, including many weekends, to learning and discovery. But let me tell you – the drive I've seen in our students at North Shore is no different. They are eager, hardworking, and always striving to do better.

Not everyone becomes a doctor, a scientist, a lawyer, or a teacher, but a good education opens the door to many opportunities. By scoring high marks in your subjects, you can at least afford to "choose" what you can do in life and go for the career in which you will flourish. As educators, our mission is not only to impart knowledge but to help shape good human beings. We work to ensure that our students leave North Shore not only with strong academic foundations, but also with humility, sincerity, and a deep respect for others. And for that, I must thank all the parents here tonight – thank you for trusting us with the privilege of guiding your children both academically and morally. Before I close, let me share something I always tell my students: "Don't study to memorise – study to understand."

Behind every lesson lies a concept – an idea, a principle, a truth. Learn to understand the logic behind it, and you'll never forget it. And remember learning doesn't stop after school or university. Despite already holding a PhD, I am currently a student again – pursuing a degree in Education at Curtin University. The journey of learning never truly ends. In conclusion, I want to extend my warmest congratulations to all the award winners this evening.

Your hard work and dedication deserve to be celebrated. For those who didn't receive a prize today – don't be discouraged. Let this moment inspire you to keep pushing forward. Your time will come. To all students, staff, and families of North Shore – I wish you continued success and many more years of excellence ahead. Thank you



# Share these Success Stories with your Friends to Inspire them to Reach their Full Potential at North Shore!

Ladies and gentlemen, parents, esteemed staff, and fellow students. Good evening. Today, as we celebrate a marvellous cohort of academic achievements and successes, I would like to take the time to appreciate the profound and crucial role North Shore has had on me, as well as all the people who are responsible for and have contributed to my accomplishments over the years. First and foremost, I would like to show immense gratitude towards my parents, family and friends who have provided endless support, sacrificed for me, and encouraged me to become the person I am today. Never once have they given up on me, even when I wanted to give up. I would also like to express my sincerest thanks to North Shore and its outstanding staff for their unwavering dedication, passion, and commitment to creating an environment where learning was challenging, but incredibly effective and rewarding. Over my years at North Shore, I had the privilege of being taught by many experienced and enthusiastic teachers such as Neha, my chemistry tutor, who not only imparted knowledge, exam-taking strategies, resilience, and critical thinking but also instilled a love for learning and the importance of hard work. Beyond the classroom, I also would like to acknowledge the admin team, particularly Emmet Kwan, his family and the staff at North Shore Atwell Campus who have worked tirelessly to create a seamless and supportive learning experience for students.

To all these people – thank you. Thank you for being a part of my journey.

I have been a North Shore student since Year 6 and am now a North Shore teacher, trying to guide and inspire the next generation of students just like my teachers did. I can still remember my first day at North Shore, opening the booklet to the first page, seeing some of the hardest questions ever and thinking, “This is impossible! I will never be able to do this!” And don’t get me started on those early mornings; having to drag myself out of bed every Sunday was a real struggle – and I am sure many students here could relate! But as time went on, my perspective changed. Sure, North Shore was never going to be easy and what 11-year-old me thought was once torturous became an opportunity to academically challenge myself, push my boundaries, sharpen my skills, and not to mention meet some wonderful people. Because of this foundation built at North Shore, I managed to be the DUX at my high school and achieve an ATAR of 99.80. As I bid farewell to learning here, I remind fellow students of one important thing: you are the author of your own story and every choice that you make – that means asking that tough question, embracing that late-night study session or seeking guidance from your teachers – all of it will shape your path. Congratulations to everyone and I wish you all the best for your future. Have a wonderful rest of your evening. Thank you.

**Ynson Liew**  
(2024 Top 1% ATAR Winner)



Welcome award winners, parents and students. It is my pleasure and honor to share my experience at NorthShore Tuition College.

I started Northshore in year three. Every Sunday my parents took me to the Rossmoyne campus. I did not look forward to it initially. I always asked my parents, “Why do I need to do this?”

Their deal was that I get to continue playing WABL, if I go to NorthShore. So off I went every week! Then something happened – I began to enjoy it. The NorthShore curriculum helped me build fundamentals and advance far ahead. Over time, I got more accurate and smarter. I had some fantastic teachers and built friendships with other students. I received some trophies too which made the sacrifice so worth it! One of the most valuable things I have learned at Northshore is the importance of discipline. It was not about rushing through homework, it was about staying organized and getting things done properly. As I got closer to secondary school, my parents and I started to discuss the GATE exam.

I had always heard about Perth Modern School. I did many holiday camps at the City and Atwell campuses. I wasn’t too keen and just wanted to play video games, but I persevered and stayed focused. Sometimes my test results in the holiday camps weren’t the best. Then finally I achieved my goal. This year, I began as a year seven student at Perth Modern. I love the school.

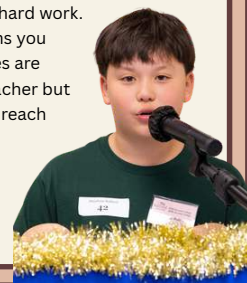
Without NorthShore, I wouldn’t have stood a chance. Northshore provided so many opportunities for me to grow my knowledge and instill discipline. In writing this, I reflected on my time at NorthShore. It is hard but worth it. To all the parents, especially my Mum and Dad: I can’t thank you enough for your endless support. You’ve been there encouraging us all when we needed it. Thank you! To wrap this up I’ve got three bits of advice for future GATE

examiners. Here is it, 1: Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard. No one gets to where they are without hard work.

2. It’s okay to feel pressure. Pressure is good, it means you care. Remember everyone else feels it too. 3. Mistakes are fine as long as you ask for help. Failure is the best teacher but only if you learn from it. So, dream big, preserve and reach your goals. It will be worth it.

Thank you for your time. Good luck and all the best.

**Harrison Ballard**  
(GATE Winner)



Good evening all students and parents,

I would like to tell you a story about a young boy who, with the help of Northshore Coaching College, got into the famous Perth Modern School.

That boy was me! I am Kian Maneshkarimi, a twelve-year-old schoolboy trying to fit into the high school life. I will now tell you my story:

I took my first steps onto the Northshore campus in Year 4. My mother had been pushing me to go here as the GATE test would be in 2 years. I thought it was going to be a very boring and useless tutoring school, but that all changed when I had my first class. My brain had probably had the time of its life.

I was learning so many new things across all 3 and a half years. Best of all, I managed to have the same class as my friend at school, and we always sat next to each other. It was so fun. Two years later, all of the stakes were higher. There was less fun. More encouragement and hard work. This was the time where two years of Northshore would pay off.

I took the hardest test of my life. GATE. I sat the test, and I aced it. The writing, easy. The math, hard but doable, the abstract reasoning, so easy and the reading, easy. If it weren’t for Northshore, I wouldn’t be standing here. I achieved it. A high score received, a ticket to the best school in WA.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Northshore for 3 years of help and fun. It has really paid off. Thank you.

**Kian Maneshkarimi**  
(GATE Winner)



Good evening, everyone, esteemed guests, and fellow students,

It is an incredible honor to be standing here today at this special event. I want to begin by expressing my heartfelt thanks to North Shore Coaching College—not only for giving me the opportunity to speak today, but for being such an important part of my academic journey. Being recognized for my GATE results is a moment of pride, and much of that success is thanks to the incredible learning environment I’ve experienced here.

From a young age, I’ve always been curious interested in how things work, eager to explore different subjects, and keen to take on new challenges. But as I’ve learned, curiosity needs the right environment to grow. At North Shore college, I found a place that truly supported that growth. The teaching here is exceptional. The teachers are not only deeply knowledgeable in their subjects—they also know how to explain concepts in ways that are clear, engaging, and easy to understand. They encouraged me to think critically, to go beyond the basics, and to build real confidence in my abilities.

Every lesson felt purposeful, and I always walked away feeling like I had learned something meaningful. What also stood out to me was the warmth and dedication of everyone at the college. The learning atmosphere is positive, respectful, and encouraging. Whether it was answering my questions, providing feedback, or simply offering a kind word after class, the people here made a real difference in how I felt about learning. It’s a place where students are genuinely supported—not just academically, but as individuals. Thanks to this guidance, I’m proud to share that I’ve been accepted into Perth Modern School, one of Australia’s most respected selective schools. This has been a long-term goal for me, and it wouldn’t have been possible without the support and preparation I received through North Shore college.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the encouragement of my family, my friends, and the wonderful teachers who believed in me. I’m grateful to all of them, and especially to North Shore Coaching College, for helping me become the learner I am today. Thank you once again to North Shore Coaching College for your outstanding support and commitment to helping students, succeed. I’m proud to be part of this inspiring community. Thank you.

**Lucas Jin**  
(Scholarship & GATE Winner)



# Share these Success Stories with your Friends to Inspire them to Reach their Full Potential at North Shore!

Good evening, distinguished guests, parents, students, teachers, and principals, I am currently a Year 7 student at Perth Modern School. I am honoured to share my North Shore journey with you tonight and express my gratitude to Mr. Kwan (the campus director), all teachers, and staff at the North Shore Atwell campus. Since my very first class, North Shore has been an unwavering source of encouragement, guidance, and support. It has been instrumental in my acceptance into Perth Modern School and has given me the tools to thrive academically and personally.

When I started at North Shore 4 years ago, all my North Shore teachers differentiated every student's learning needs and tried to accommodate everyone's needs and maximize our improvements. During these 4 years, I've been learning a lot from North Shore, and the content of all subjects is not only according to the current WA curriculum but also with a depth of understanding and broad perspectives. My English has been leveled up, especially spelling, by studying new vocabulary and taking tests in every class. It also made a difference in my writing. The teachers have taught us all types of writing, including birthday invitation cards, functional part invitations, .... narratives, and persuasive. They are not only for preparing for exams but also for practical use in our lives. My mathematics teachers always try to give each student choices for our class practices and homework to suit individual capabilities, to ensure everyone progresses in approaching their goals. Outside of class time, North Shore provides homework classes....and provide extensive explanations. The GATE Practice and intensive holiday program that North Shore offered was another huge factor in my achieving my spot at Perth Mod, allowing me to see the GATE/Scholarship past tests and practice the mock tests many times, which every year 6 students who want to get into the GATE program/Scholarship needed. In these 4 years, I went from being hesitant to being confident, armed with the skills to excel at Perth Modern School. North Shore educators' dedication and passion for teaching have been pivotal in motivating students like me to aim higher and persevere. My time at North Shore has been an essential part of my schooling

journey and is the main reason I am standing here today. The college has allowed me to extend my knowledge beyond what's expected and helped me achieve my full potential. I am grateful to my family, Mr. Kwan, and all my North Shore teachers for helping me broaden my understanding of my studies. Thank you for being such an integral part of my journey and paving the way for my bright and promising future.



**Peter Xing**  
(Scholarship & GATE Winner)

Good evening teachers, students, staff and guests,

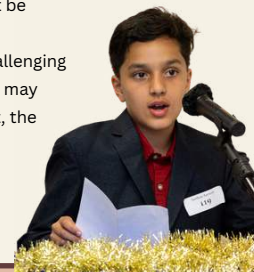
My name is Sarthak Bartaula, and I am a Year 7 student currently studying at Perth Modern School. Thanks to North Shore I have also received scholarships to Guildford Grammar School and Trinity College. These opportunities have strengthened my passion for learning and motivated me to strive for excellence in all areas of my education. I began North Shore tutoring in Year 4. Initially, I dreaded the thought of spending my Sundays in dull lessons. My first day at North Shore had been a blast, the teachers especially, with their affable personalities and steady approach, made learning both engaging and enjoyable. Their method allowed me to absorb knowledge effortlessly while having fun in the process.

North Shore also aided my social skills, where I was easily able to make friends. Tutoring may seem scary at first, but soon, the 'extra schoolwork' fits into a routine part of your life. My journey at North Shore has proven to be more than just academics. It's not just about acquiring an education but about refining the skills necessary for success. As Jim Rohn said 'Discipline is the foundation upon which all success is built, Lack of discipline inevitably leads to failure.' There are many tips I suggest those future exam-takers to use during the test, some of which are:

1. Skimming the paper, which helps incredibly in the reading tests.
2. Prioritize the easy questions first.
3. Stay calm.

Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the dedicated North Shore teachers who helped shape my academic journey and to my family for their unwavering support. It would not be possible for me to be standing here without you.

To all students here today-keep striving, keep challenging yourselves, and never stop learning. The journey may seem daunting at first, but with the right mindset, the rewards are endless. Thank you.



**Sarthak Bartaula**  
(GATE Winner)

Good evening distinguished guests, parents, students and staff.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all the students who made it this far. I would also like to thank all the staff who helped me on my journey, especially Neha and Sam.

They stayed after class to help me with questions I didn't understand. I will forever remember this. My name is Sayuthmee Ratnayake, and I am currently a year 7 student at Perth Modern. I have had the privilege of receiving Academic and Excellence scholarships to Penrhos College and Perth College.

I started Northshore when I was in year 3. I thought there was a lot of homework, and I couldn't keep up with it, with all my other extracurricular activities and schoolwork. Somehow, I got used to the daily routine of doing my homework on time. I gradually got better at doing it faster and more accurately. I remember I used to struggle a lot in math, but after I came to Northshore, math became so much easier!

Northshore teaches the curriculum of a year and a half ahead, and I was able to participate in the AMC at my school because of the techniques Northshore taught me. The spelling words on the front of the English booklet helped me to attain a place in the Spelling Bee competition allowing me to win consecutively 2 years in a row.

In year 5 Term 3, we started doing mini mock tests in preparation for the GATE exam. I got so used to doing them that the GATE exam just felt like another one. I learnt how to handle the pressure of doing the questions in the limited time frame. Thank you for listening to my speech and congratulations once again to everyone here tonight.



**Sayuthmee Ratnayake**  
(Scholarship & GATE Winner)

Good evening, parents, students, staff, and guests.

My name is Urwa Sultan, and I'm a Year 10 student currently attending Perth Modern School – an incredible school that I am thankful to North Shore's program for helping me get into. First, I would like to say how truly honoured I am to have been given the opportunity to speak tonight. It brings me so much joy to stand here in front of you. But, before I make this speech all about me, let's take a moment to give a round of applause to all the students here today – to acknowledge everything they have achieved and all the hard work and effort that's brought them to this point.

I have been attending North Shore Lynwood campus on and off for as long as I can remember, and I am currently enrolled North Shore in Year 10 English, Maths, Physics, and Chemistry to help prepare for my ATAR. The excitement of receiving a certificate or trophy at the end of the year was always a huge motivator for me – just as I am sure it was for many of you. I'll admit, waking up every Saturday to come here was probably the thing I dreaded most in Year 6. But looking back now, I can really see the bigger picture. In Year 6, I was offered places in the GATE programs at both Rossmoyne Senior High School and Willetton Senior High School, but I chose to attend Mercedes College instead. It's a great school—but what I didn't know at the time is that if you go to a Catholic school, religion is a compulsory ATAR subject. And I knew I didn't want one of my subject slots taken up by that. So, in Year 9, I enrolled in North Shore's 5-day GATE Test preparation course and also studied English here in Term 1. I sat the GATE test and was offered places at both Perth Modern School and Shenton College.

I just want to say—I don't think there's a single person at my school who hasn't heard of North Shore. That shows how effective and well-respected of this program is.

As much as I loved my time at Mercedes, I'm really enjoying life at Perth Modern School, and North Shore. I hope all of you will enjoy your new school journeys just as much. Before I finish, congratulations once again to everyone here tonight. Thank you for listening, and once again, I'm Urwa Sultan.



**Urwa Sultan**  
(GATE Winner)