# SCHOLARSHIP: INTERVIEW

## **EXAMPLE SCHOOL: THE KING'S SCHOOL**

## ACHIEVEMENT: 25/25 MATHS OLYMPIAD

Mathematics is a proper noun. Hence, it should be capitalised.

When I was young, I had discovered a deep interest in the world of Mathematics. When I was a child, my mother read to me a short story of David Hilbert and how he proved the theorem of invariants true. I also learned about Katherine Johnson and how she helped launch the Apollo program. It deeply fascinated me, and over the years, I found myself reading books about theories like the Pythagoras Theorem, Midpoint Theorem, and theories that involved the area of different shapes. Even though I could not really understand these theorems, I developed a deep love for them. I am very grateful to have my mum who introduced me to mathematics, and during those difficult times, encouraged me to keep on going. There were times where I felt as if I wanted to stop, but she helped me and this recently led to a Math Olympiad perfect score medal. I'm also really grateful for my grandparents who were always encouraging me. My dad has always been working hard at his workplace to provide money for my mother. It really wasn't me who deserved this medal but all my family behind me. I look to explore more in the mathematical world in the King's School.

### ACHIEVEMENT: ICAS HD IN DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Steve Jobs was the first creator of digital phones. Martin Cooper, the engineer from Motorola, developed the first hand-held phone that could connect over Bell's AMPS. Motorola launched the DynaTAC in 1984 Ever since I was a small child, I have been fascinated by how computers and phones work. I learned about Steve Jobs and how he created the first digital phone. Since then, I have always been fascinated by my mother's and father's phones and computers and just sometimes, my mother or father would let me play with theirs. I loved electricity and was always fascinated by how a light bulb produced light. I was interested in how projectors could create such clear images. Since my mother could see my deep interest in technology, she bought me a book on computer science. I am very grateful for that because that could have been the starting point of starting to research computers. This has led to a high distinction in ICAS digital technologies. I would like to improve my skills at your school, since I still have a long way to go. My mother always jokes about how I could be the next 'Bill Gates' and I would like to thank her because that has really made my vision clear (for now, at least). I am really passionate about technologies and I

## ACHIEVEMENT: RYDE COUNCIL SCHOOL EXCELLENCE AWARD

would like to enhance my skills in the King's School.

I was always excited about school. Even though, at first, I was scared of it, I gradually developed a liking for it. My teachers have really helped me along the way by encouraging me to not be scared of it. They thought hard of strategies so that I could enjoy school. It was in Year 1, when I enjoyed it and began socialising with my teachers and making friends. My parents have also encouraged me and worked hard to drive me to school. This all paid off in Year 4 when I was awarded the Ryde Council Excellence Award for enthusiasm towards school. I think that my teachers deserve a clap because they have been constantly disciplining me, teaching me the right ways and the importance of education. My parents also deserve this because they have always told me that 'school isn't scary' and helped me in the hardest times. There was one time in preschool when I was so sad and my mother came all the way from her work to calm me down. After that, I started liking school and it was because of that, I felt the urge to go to school. I would really love to develop my love for education in the King's School. This has given me career dreams like being a teacher or working for the education industry.

#### Note:

This is a good response to the Scholarship questions, Caleb. However, I noticed that you did not capitalise the term "Mathematics". I highly suggest that you do because that term is a proper noun. Moreover, you are wrong, Steve Jobs did not create the very first digital phone, it was Martin Cooper. If you meant the creator of the word-famous smart phone brand, then its Jobs. Just be clear there, and there will no confusion in your essay. Alrighty, please heed to the suggestions above to get the perfect mark next time. Good luck!

Mark 49/50