

Tell me about yourself.

My name is Claire Wang and I currently attend Opportunity Class at Balgowlah Heights Public School. There are a lot of interesting things about me and I don't think you'd be surprised that I'm a shy, diffident person if you set your eyes on me. I'm Claire and I'm going to be telling you a bit about myself. As I said before I'm not confident in front of a large audience especially when it has stuff to do with **Public Speaking**, but that doesn't mean I won't give it a try. From babbling quietly in class I managed to sign up for a Multicultural Public Speaking competition held at Abbotsleigh Private School For Girls. I had prepared a speech and had practised it perfectly, but when it was my turn to go on stage, with the blinding, fluorescent spotlight my stomach lurched. But I still walked on with a confident, uneasy smile and did my speech. Even if I'm a bit shy, that doesn't mean I won't give things a try. I got a third place certificate and that memorable experience told me to never give up. One of my many hobbies is the love to read. I always give new books a go and so far have read quite a lot of books and book series. I am also currently writing a fantasy book and hope to get it published and ready to sell on Amazon next year. Besides from reading , I also like to write. As you can see, I have entered multiple competitions and this year I have won first place in the W&T Academy with hundreds of students competing. I felt so accomplished and that gave me energy to persevere with my love of writing. However, I can't always be perfect, I am struggling in the **maths** area but thanks to all of my Scholarly tests and homework my marks are improving significantly. Not only do I face nervousness and **struggles** in my life, I know that life is hard and you can't avoid what's coming at you. So I try my best in everything I get hit at hoping that next year when I sit the selective exam I will make it into my dream Selective school.

Tell me why you are a good fit for your dream school

My dream private school would be Meriden. I feel like I bond better with girls my age and I feel more comfortable around them. Meriden's slogan is Semper Fidelis which is the latin word for 'Always Faithful'. Meriden has achieved high academic performance and supports a wide range of activities such as music, sport and a bunch more extracurricular activities. When I grow up I'd like to be a CEO of a business. I hope that I can get a business started and make my parents proud. I feel infinitely encouraged by Steve Xu, the founder and CEO of Scholarly which has made a bunch of really great kids that have got into top selective schools and have been awarded full scholarships. All the wonderful teachers such as Anastasia, James, Cullen, Jen, big dog teachers and of course Steve who has helped me a lot. I think I would be a good fit for Meriden because they encourage young girls to be who they are. They are encouraged to find their voice and Meriden is just one of many of the Private girls schools that support girls and help them find their inner self. The world has improved so much and now girls are granted the same privileges as boys. Meriden also has tennis courts where you're free to play tennis. I play tennis for fun and it would be nice to practise that. This is why I feel like I am a good fit for Meriden and how I am so privileged to have a loving family and excellent tutors.

Note: You really are a great writer because you can clearly deliver your thoughts in an organised way. Also, good work on reaching the word count requirement. In your introduction, it's good that you presented your weak points, then further explain that you are always trying to improve. People would really like to hear this during interviews, for example. On the other hand, you need to work on your capitalisation. Always remember that if it's not a proper noun, the rule is to not capitalise it. Then, apply commas as much as possible when needed because they serve as a tool that makes the flow of your writing smoother.

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