

1) Leap of a Lifetime

Adrenaline

Adrenalin coursed through my veins drowning out my sensibilities. The glacial wind biting and blistering the retina of my eyes, its teeth tearing through my clothes freezing me to death. It is almost as if it is being caringly dangerous. The nebulous fog strangling the towers below me, attempting to blind my sight and my sense of stability, oscillating my body as I unsteadily take the next step. A nauseating sensation overwhelms me as the smaller buildings beneath seem to diminish before my eyes and the ground below seems to be a universe away. This unimaginable feeling, the alarming danger before me, is where I most feel at home.

The inevitable backpack feels heavy but what is inside will determine my fate, like the angel and the demon on my shoulder. The clips will bind together the strings as I become the puppet of my destiny falling like a feather floating in the breeze. My speed and velocity will be measured for the record books in this extremely dangerous sport that gives me unmeasurable thrill and passion. The longing for absolute precision amongst the unknowable turbulence of nature and its ability to shatter life in a millisecond, has made me determined to conquer this feat. The Guinness Book of Records will forever remember my name and my base-jumping achievement on this day.

My heart pounds like a fatal drum, pulsating and hammering nails into my arteries, as my foot tries to steady itself on the perilous edge of the beam. My mind is flooded with childhood memories of leaping from heights that made my mother shriek as she watched me in horror tumbling from the garage rooftop. "Don't you ever, ever think of performing such a horrific stunt again". I grin as I recall this moment and feel the scar on my chin that still remains like a warning, an omen perhaps?

The cameraman shooting this moment is getting impatient as I contemplate my next step which is always the most laborious. How can one small leap seem so vast and daunting? I turn on the Go-Pro that weighs heavily on my

head, waiting to capture my glory and my flight of freedom. I imagine the gratifying cheers below, my mother looking up, craning her neck to witness my accomplishment. I tell myself, "You're in control" but am I?

I bend, I stretch and I fly...

Note: I like the way you tell this story. The way you use these words are so precise because they evoke the right emotions. However, I noticed that the magical features and oxymoron are absent. Like the name suggests, you just need to incorporate magic in it to imitate the narration of Disney. On the other hand, oxymoron are used to juxtapose ideas such as "bittersweet". Also, reach the word count requirement next time.

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2) About Myself

My name is Hamish Ryan and I am 11 years old. If I could describe myself in one word, it would be "eclectic". This is because I have a plethora of interests including sports, music and Ancient History. Although I am extremely competitive in sports, especially in soccer, I am really quite a humble and compassionate person who has lots of friends and likes to be part of a team. I like contributing because I like to be part of a team that achieves goals together. I am resilient and hard-working and I believe soccer and music have taught me how to remain disciplined and consistent in developing my skills in these two areas. I am part of the University of Sydney SAP soccer program and have been part of the Football Brilliance Academy for a number of years. In soccer, whilst skills are essential, thinking about the position of play is most important. Long and short distance running have also taught me determination and perseverance and learning how to push through being uncomfortable and to never give up. Trombone is my main instrument and I enjoy playing in two bands at my school where I am part of an ensemble and can contribute to the overall quality of the band. I am currently working towards my 5th Grade exam and my favourite genre to play is **Jazz**. I am a passionate reader and love learning about ancient stories and legends, especially Greek mythology. One myth that relates to me is the tale of

Orpheus as he was superbly musical and showed perseverance ^{as he} **are** went to the ends of the ^{Earth} **earth**, the Underworld, for his loved one. My passions are the things that drive and motivate me and are enjoyable and I like sharing my skills with others.

You need to adhere to the word count requirement. This did not reach the 300 count.

3) Dream Private School

Newington is my dream private school. Newington has many co-curricular activities that I can be involved in and can be part of a team that represents the school and is filled with students who are passionate and determined. This school has an excellent sports program and professional coaches who are skilled and experienced at making sure the participating students are happy, healthy and learning about and appreciating the sport. Newington has supported many established sporting heroes including Jonathan Aspropotamitis, who played football for the Western Sydney Wanderers and now Macarthur FC. Newington has an exceptional music program with many ensembles and choirs that I would like to be a part of such as playing my trombone in the jazz ensemble and Concert Band and singing as part of services and events. Newington could help me achieve my goals as it has an abundance of activities and opportunities that suit me perfectly. I also believe that I could help the school with music and sport by sharing my abilities. Newington offers lots of community service activities which I would like to participate in and help serve others in the community. I am passionate about history and would like to study Latin in high school and not many schools offer this subject. Newington has a strong language department, and I would

like to learn more about the language of the Roman Empire and the history of English and other languages. I would like to go to a school that values strong academic, sporting and creative pursuits rather than a school that is mostly focused on academic results. Newington offers a broad range of educational opportunities, and I would be honoured to attend such a school.

Note: Your self introduction is satisfactory, and it has minimal errors. However, your essay for question number 2 is not aligned to the question. It asked you about WHY YOU ARE A GOOD FIT FOR YOUR DREAM PRIVATE SCHOOL? Your answer on the other hand, did not ace it. Instead it promoted the school and its programs. What you need to do is to sell your qualities that will make you to qualify for this school. You should discuss the strengths, achievement, and personal qualities that you have in order for the school to see if you are qualified.

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