## . ICAS Spelling Bee Medal

I've always had a passion for spelling. I love using difficult spelling words in my writing pieces to enhance my writing. I love reading books with a variety of spelling words because it helps strengthen my vocabulary in my daily conversations. I also love it because it is part of my favourite subject, which is English. In year 2, I had been picked to represent my year in the school spelling bee, and I was competing against only year 5 and year 6 students. That's when I found out that spelling was truly my passion. Later in the year, I participated in my first ICAS competition. I received a medal at the UNSW ceremony, and I was delighted. This is one of my greatest achievements. However, I couldn't have achieved this without my supportive parents, who used to read out spelling lists every night and encouraged me to do the ICAS assessment.

## 2. Top 25% Achiever in Maths Olympiad

My second favourite subject is math, as I love solving challenging problems that extend my mind. Worded problems and numbers are fun to work with as they help me think outside the box. In fourth grade, I started to do Sudoko puzzles, and although it was frustrating, it was a relief to get the final answer. In year 3, I started to do difficult tangrams and started to piece shapes together. In second grade and first grade, I completed my first two years in Extension Learning for Gifted and Talented. So, I've always been trying to extend my knowledge in math, and I still continue to attend the Extension Learning for Gifted and Talented classes at my school. This year, I competed in the Math Olympiad, and I received a patch and a certificate stating that I was a top 25% achiever. I couldn't have achieved this without my mum, as she used to practice with me every day with worksheets and support me by explaining all my mistakes.

## 3. IPSHA Debating

I've always had a passion for public speaking. I am not afraid when I give a speech in front of large crowds. In kindergarten, I became a finalist in the Stage 1 Public Speaking Competition at my school, and ever since then, I've loved public speaking. But debating was different. I loved it even more than public speaking. This year, I signed up for the debate team, and in order to get in, you had to do assessments. The first assessment was a writing test, and the second was a speaking test. I was delighted to be informed that I passed both tests and that I was selected as one of the students to represent the Junior School Debating Team. Throughout the term, our team worked hard to write out our debates and go to other schools to say them. Later in the year, I was chosen to represent my school at the IPSHA Gala Day, and we won 3 out of 4 debates! However, I couldn't have been selected for the team without my supportive parents, who would help me by giving me impromptu topics to present in front of them.

It is exceptionally pleasing to know about your achievements and the hard work you put in to make things work for you.

I would suggest you add an anecdote/ role model or any goals which keep you going. Add a bit about it, you are using the word <u>'love' this / that which</u> is making your writing sound monotonous and shows a lack of versatility. You may use different synonyms for the word love/ passion to avoid redundancy. Utilise wordhippo for the synonyms and choose the most impactful ones.

Overall, you did a simply fascinating job. Keep chasing your dreams!

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