

## Section 1:

### #1: First answer about school offerings Strengths:

- Demonstrates passion and commitment through specific examples like piano playing since age four
- Shows initiative by suggesting innovative programs like ice hockey and wellbeing hub

Weaknesses: Run-on sentences → Your response contains multiple ideas compressed into single sentences, making it difficult for interviewers to follow your key points. For instance: "Sport wise I have a great passion for ice hockey which is not a very common sport in Australia, but it is a great sport for your self-confidence, teamwork, leadership and especially general strength and stamina."

Exemplar: "I am passionate about ice hockey, an uncommon sport in Australia. Through this unique sport, I have developed self-confidence, teamwork abilities, and leadership skills. I believe introducing ice hockey would diversify Grammar's sporting programme whilst building students' physical and mental resilience."

### #2: Favourite aspects of school Strengths:

- Provides specific details about teachers and programmes
- Shows genuine enthusiasm for learning through personal connections

Weaknesses: Informal tone → Your response includes casual language that doesn't match the formality expected in scholarship interviews. The phrase "Science is the best because" and "lots of the same interests" could be more professionally expressed.

Exemplar: "I particularly value Science under Mr Watts's guidance. His extensive experience as a scientist, engineer, and professional sailor brings real-world applications into our lessons, making the subject both engaging and practical."

### #3: Future vision Strengths:

- Shows clear career aspirations with the Air Force Cadets
- Demonstrates financial awareness through investment plans

Weaknesses: Lack of cohesion → Your response jumps between different ideas without clear transitions. The shift from Air Force Cadets to stocks and hedge funds needs smoother connection.

Exemplar: "While pursuing my primary goal of excellence in the Air Force Cadets, I plan to develop my financial literacy through studying investments and funds, ensuring I build a strong foundation for my university education and future career."

Actionable Task: Rewrite your response about school offerings by breaking down your interests into clear, focused paragraphs. Start each paragraph with a topic sentence about one specific contribution (music, sports, or debating) and support it with concrete examples of how you would implement these at Grammar.

Score: 40/50

Section 2:

- What can you offer our school? #1 Some of the things that I can offer Sydney ~~grammar~~ [Grammar] are my creativity and my passion for music, debating and sports. I love music very much and I have been playing the piano since I was four years old [;] music is a fundamental part of me and I hope to share my passion ~~of~~ [for] it with others [.] I will put nothing but my best effort ~~in~~ [in]. ~~Sport-wise~~ [Regarding sports,] I have a great passion for ice hockey [,) which is not a very common sport in Australia, but it is a great sport for ~~your~~ [building] self-confidence, teamwork, leadership and especially general strength and stamina. Over the years I have become quite good at it and I know that anyone who tries it and shows resilience ~~towards~~ [in] it will become good at it. ~~So~~ I could ~~get votes to~~ [advocate for] ~~make~~ [creating] a new sports program like ice-hockey. I could ~~come up~~ [develop] beneficial programs like a wellbeing hub or an eco-friendliness program with ~~mister~~ [Mr] Watts to furthermore boost the learning and wellbeing of the students at Grammar. My mum came second in the European championships for debating and the skill of debating runs through our family [;] we even debate about general topics at home. I am in the house debating team of year 5 at Sydney ~~grammar~~ [Grammar] Edgecliff and I enjoy it ~~so~~ much. In my eyes, I see debating as a way to empower the strength of logic and creativity through valid arguments, not a battle or a fight with words. My favourite place in a debate is first speaker who gets the strongest arguments and always sets the stage with a compelling, well-structured case. I like it because it gives me the advantage of framing the debate straight from the start.

- What things do you like most at school? #2 Five of the things I like most at school are Sports, Music, Science, Spanish and Regular class. I like Sports because there are so many sports to choose from and all the programs are very good. Music is very fun because we don't only do theory [;] instead we have fun activities and special events like ~~musica viva~~ [Musica Viva]. Science is the best because we have ~~Mr~~ [Mr.] Watts as our science teacher [.] ~~Mr~~ [Mr.] Watts is a former Scientist/engineer who had a pilot's licence, has a 7 litre engine Rolls Royce and is a

professional sailor who has sailed around the world 4 times. He makes the lessons so interesting and captivating and he and I have lots of the same interests like planes and sailing. We are privileged to have the Spanish program that we have. Almost no other school in NSW has a language program at all let alone a great one. Spanish is a life skill [,] you can communicate with so many people in your travels and it helps to learn other languages like Italian or Albanian [;] this is why I like Spanish. Finally, my last favourite class is just normal class with my regular teacher [.] His lessons are humorous, informative and easy to understand.

– Weakness/strength? 3. My main character strengths are Kindness, perseverance, curiosity, open-mindedness, leadership, bravery, enthusiasm, a hunger for learning new things, respect, fellowship and empathy. Some of my weaknesses that I'm working on are time management, that I overthink under time pressure, ~~getting~~ [and get] distracted by people who are talking.

#3 4. In 6 years, I imagine myself being in the air force cadets, which is why I intend on staying at ~~the current school that I'm at which is~~ Sydney Grammar. In the air force cadets, I will strive for excellence and always try my hardest to gain further knowledge of aviation. I see myself having lots of stocks and investing ~~into~~ [in] hedge funds and index funds because they bring lots of money for university and later life , **also** [. Additionally,] I will be a very sporty person, always keeping in shape and doing ~~excessive~~ [extensive] exercise. My musical passion will be continued and I hope to ~~even be able to~~ potentially mentor others younger than me who share the same musical passion as me. I will be traveling a lot and visiting cool places where I can deepen my knowledge and understanding of the world around me. I hope to be a very multicultural person and I will always stand up for what is right.