

Section 1:

#1 First paragraph (Musical abilities) Strengths:

- Strong personal voice when describing musical experiences
- Effective use of specific examples demonstrating leadership and teamwork

Weaknesses: Lack of concrete impact → While you mention participating in various musical ensembles, you don't clearly articulate the specific value you brought to these groups. The phrase "enrapture the audience" could be strengthened by including a specific instance where your performance made a difference to the school community.

Exemplar: "As lead guitarist in the senior ensemble, I initiated weekly practice sessions that led to our group winning the regional school music competition, raising our school's profile in the performing arts."

#2 Second and third paragraphs (Personal qualities) Strengths:

- Good balance of strengths and self-awareness
- Specific example used to illustrate personal growth

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped reflection → Your discussion of the team project setback needs deeper analysis. The phrase "I trusted a person to complete their tasks without reminding them" could be enhanced by explaining how this experience shaped your current leadership approach.

Exemplar: "This experience taught me to implement weekly progress checks in group projects, which I now use successfully as the Chess Club captain to ensure our team maintains consistent performance."

#3 Final paragraph (Future aspirations) Strengths:

- Clear connection between current studies and future goals
- Shows understanding of long-term impact

Weaknesses: Vague action steps → Your career aspirations lack specific steps for achievement. The statement "Contributing to the welfare of society is not an unrealistic dream" would be stronger with concrete examples of how you're preparing for this path.

Exemplar: "I am currently volunteering at the local hospital's children's ward while maintaining top marks in Biology and Chemistry, laying the groundwork for my medical career."

Actionable Task: Rewrite your final paragraph focusing on specific initiatives you've taken or plan to take that demonstrate your commitment to medicine/science, including relevant work experience, volunteering, or research projects you've undertaken.

Score: 42/50

Section 2:

I can offer the school a diverse set of talents that will enhance the school community. Firstly, I have a passion for playing the piano, and as a past member of the performance band, I improved my skills and participated in various school events. The second most important musical influence in my life has been my love for the guitar. This was a very enriching experience, in which I had ~~to the~~ [the] ~~opportunity~~ [opportunity] to join the senior guitar ensemble. I enjoyed moments of collaboration with fellow musicians at rehearsal, improving our art to always enrapture the audience. I still remember moments from being on stage, feeling the thrill of performing along my bandmates. During these activities, I actively participated and improved my technical skills and understood the importance of coordination. These qualities shaped me as a musician, in addition to being an all-rounded individual who is ready to contribute to the vibrant school community. #1 Sharing these talents and passion with my friends, teachers, and the school is something that I look forward to. Moreover, I am ~~committed~~ [committed] to extracurricular activities such as Chess Club, where my friends and I contributed to our school achieving third place in the NSW Interschool Chess Challenge. This experience not only sharpened my strategic thinking, but also taught me the importance of teamwork and perseverance. Furthermore, my dedication to staying active and socialising has led me to attend basketball classes twice a week, where I improved my physical abilities while also making new friends.

#2 One of my key strengths is my commitment to continuous growth and learning. I have a strong work ethic and thrive even in challenging environments. I also enjoy collaborating with peers to achieve common goals. My communication skills, both written and verbal, enable me to express ideas clearly and engage in meaningful discussions. Additionally, I am a quick learner and can grasp new concepts rapidly with the right guidance. I believe (Insert School) will provide me with the opportunity to ~~succeed~~ [succeed].

Despite my strengths, I am aware of my weaknesses. One weakness is my ~~tendancy~~ [tendency] to trust others too easily, which has sometimes led me to rely on individuals who may not have been as competent as I'd assumed. For example, in a previous team project, I trusted a person to complete their tasks without reminding them, only to discover later that they had not, causing the whole group's marks to be deducted by a large margin. I now recognise that because it was a team effort, we had to help each other out, whether it be by reminding them, or by assisting with what they could not do alone.

One of the things that impress me in school life is the various thoughts and experiences gathered in a learning environment. Peers from different backgrounds have expanded my view about the world and developed my empathy and respect. During group projects, I have been able to work with classmates of different cultural backgrounds. Learning about each other's values and beliefs have added variety in our discussions and problem solving approaches. This diversity has taught me how important listening to different opinions is, and to always look for different solutions to new challenges. Actively participating in school events has provided many opportunities for long-lasting friendships with a network of people who can support me in my classroom needs. I want to become more open and friendly, so I will widen my social circle and learn new things from other people.

#3 I see myself as a dedicated and responsible student at whatever school I attend. From handing in assignments to participating in class discussions, my approach toward learning is always one of

eagerness. I imagine myself studying for whatever challenges will come my way, such as studying science and the nuances of literature with resolve in order to ~~acheive~~ [achieve] excellent results in the HSC. Though it is important to do well in the HSC, I also recognise that this is but a stepping stone toward my goals. My dream is to pursue a career as a doctor or scientist, using knowledge and experience to contribute positively to society. Contributing to the welfare of society is not an unrealistic dream, but a motivating factor in my academic career. I would like to make a difference by taking part in society and having more of an input with my skills, so in the next six years, I will be doing my best to prepare for it.