

Pranav - Scholarship Writing Week 4

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What can you offer our school?

I'm curious, creative, hardworking, loyal and collaborative. That's who I am. I have a unique blend of academics, sport and public speaking, and leadership which I believe I can offer to this school. I was elected as a Student Representative Council (SRC). I took initiative to restore the reconciliation garden by organising volunteer efforts, in which students weed and water the garden during break times. This resulted in our lifeless reconciliation garden becoming green and luscious once again. I have been honing my cello skills for 5 years, and I have led the cello section into achieving multiple awards in competitions such as a Highly Commended in the Ryde Eisteddfod. In public speaking, I have represented my school twice in the Multicultural Public Speaking competition and received a Highly Commended. In tennis, I represented my school in numerous tournaments. I have a passion for robotics and I have made it into the national level with my team through determination and teamwork. My dream is to build intelligent robotic solutions, but robotics is more than welding a few pieces of scrap metal and asking it to do something. It's about persistence, hard work, and one of the most important factors, teamwork to build meaningful creations for the community. Overall, I have impacted my school in a positive way and I can offer all of these qualities to your school.

Weakness/strength?

My main strength is that I am very organised. I make sure to plan out my day as much as I can and not waste time trying to find what to do. I have a table on my fridge, and try my best daily to follow it. This helps me to be very intentional about my tasks and helps me get straight to it. I am also very independent because I make sure to follow my plan and do what I want to do, not what my parents or friends want me to do. I am also very creative as I can come up with ideas myself, or build upon other ideas to make them better. I try to keep my ideas original, but also be able to take inspiration from other people. However, my weakness is that sometimes I am a perfectionist, and want everything to be perfect the first time, which can make me frustrated if I get something wrong. One time I was practising a tricky piece on my cello, and I got very frustrated about not getting it the first few times. But I'm trying my best now to realise that nothing can be perfect the first time, but we need to persevere and be resilient through the challenges and tough times.

What things do you like most at school ?

I like many things about school, such as making and maintaining friends, and extending myself for growth, or just having fun in general. I try my best to keep my friendships and never let them go. I feel it is very important to maintain it because I think of it like a plant. You keep watering and nurturing it, hoping for it to become a wonderful tree someday. Say you knock it over the windowsill. That's terrible, right? You have kept persisting and it all goes to waste, now your house is grey without colour. I also enjoy extending myself, because without extending myself, I would just be an average person not really making any difference to anything. But if I try to grow as much as I can, I can make a difference in society. Also, I think that having fun along the way is one of the most important things, because imagine just the teacher boringly talking and you go to do your work. Boring, right? Fun definitely is a big part of why I like school.

What do you see yourself doing in 6 years?

In six years, I see myself in high school, learning advanced concepts or skills, such as chemical reactions and experiments in science, or advanced

music theory and cello abilities. I also would love to learn more about AI and robotics, and possibly create a prototype with successful artificial intelligence as smart or smarter than humans and hopefully getting it to help people in many ways, such as sports like tennis or soccer, or chores. I hope it will change society in a positive way and help people in as many ways as possible. I also imagine myself possibly getting a part time job somewhere to help me develop some more independence and responsibility. I should also be able to vote, which is very important as I become an adult and tackle many problems at the same time. I will also be able to get a drivers licence which could be a way to prove my skills and learning. Overall, in six years I see myself doing many things and I am certainly excited for the future, and what it holds for me.