

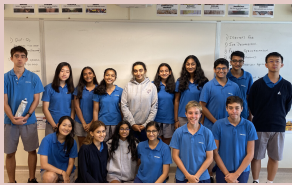
Manaka Kuze

Grade 10 Personal Statement

Service & Leadership

This year, I was a part of the service called "SGM Murni Little Kids: Arts and Movement". I was able to take on the role of being the Co-Chair with Minna. It was the first time I had been a chair for a service, so it taught me leadership and organisation skills.

I was also a part of Student Voice for the whole of G10 - taking on the role of being the representative of my mentor and contributing ideas to improve our grade.



Activities

Culturama & Kahaani

This year, I pushed myself out of my comfort zone and auditioned for Culturama and Kahaani. I had no prior experience with dancing or performing in front of people, therefore it was quite nerve-racking, but it turned out to be an incredible experience. I got to know so many amazing people, as well as experience learning multiple dances for the first time.

Music Based Activities

Similar to the last few years, I signed up for a variety of music-related activities including Samba, Marimba, and ITP Drums. Although due to the COVID-19 situation, some performances planned for the end of the year were cancelled, these activities were a place where I got to know many people with similar interests as me and I got to acquire new performance skills.



Goals:

For next year, I don't want to limit myself - try out new things, continue what I like. I want to improve in English, and be more resilient when faced with challenges. I know that HL Maths will be demanding, but my goal is to put in the hard work needed.

Subjects

Music

Music was a subject that had a very comfortable environment, and it gave me the freedom to express my creativity and try out new things. It was a place that I could present my drumming and my compositions - something that was very hard at times, but made me learn various skills along the way.

Biology

I would say Biology is my current favourite subject, and I have always been interested in pursuing something science-related for a potential career. Therefore, during IB subject choices, it was a subject that I didn't hesitate to choose as a HL subject.

Additional Mathematics

Compared to last year, I really saw improvement in myself which is something I am very proud of. This year I found a style of studying that really suited me, and I learned that constant practice is key. From really struggling - receiving 5's at the start of G9, by G10 mocks, I was able to improve to a 7.

English

English was the subject that I spent my most time and effort in, and was the most challenging. The subject demanded high quality work in order to receive the grade I wanted, but my teacher really made me work hard and pushed me towards a better direction to cope with IB - which I am very thankful for.

Personal Interests



Drumming

When I'm asked to either state a skill, hobby, or anything that I like, my go-to answer is always drumming. Since G7, my technical skill and also my passion for drumming has grown immensely. This year, I was able to achieve Distinction for my Grade 7 Trinity Rock & Pop Drum Exam. I even recently started documenting my drumming ability by recording myself playing a few songs from my repertoire.

Individual Sports

Throughout middle school, I tried out a wide range of team sports. By high school, I realised that playing in a team wasn't something that suited me, so from G9 and 10, I experimented with a few individual sports. One that I could see myself continuing was Taekwondo, and I'm hoping next year I can pursue this interest.

Design

A surprising interest that I found myself keen to work on during remote learning was designing. It started with the various projects that required creating posters/presentations, but I saw myself spending hours and enjoying myself create a visual piece of work - something I never really expected until starting remote learning.