

RACHEL LAI – YEAR 10

What are your aspirations?

My aspiration is to finish at Santa Maria College with high hopes and have the sense of being proud of myself because I have completed my final year of schooling. Additionally, I will strive to get into my desired university. I also want to help the community in some way, where I can share my experiences and to teach others the best ways to take on life, to teach them to work hard because that's how you get the best outcomes. My goal is to excel in my studies and to make not only my family but also myself happy, to push myself to be the best person I can be.

What co-curricular activities do you do?

I do many co-curricular activities in and outside of school. Netball is one of my favourite sports as I play three times a week and coach once a week. Netball has always been my 'go to' sport as I've been playing for years. Being at a wonderful school like Santa Maria has given me many opportunities to participate in different activities whether it be sports or leadership roles. I was lucky enough to be elected to represent my year level twice as a SRC captain, and being captain in some sporting teams. Santa Maria College runs a student ambassador program where students can learn different skills such as confidence and communication. This program allows students to give tours around the school, and share the great information about the opportunities Santa Maria holds. At the early years of high school, I had the privilege to become a student ambassador.

What do you like most about being a Santa girl?

What I like most about being a Santa girl is meeting new friends. Santa Maria provides the girls with chances to participate in different co-curricular activities allowing students to socialise and meet new people. Being at Santa Maria, I have gained a lot of new friends over the years and have created strong bonds with girls from different year levels. I also like the options of sports that Santa Maria provides, for example netball, volleyball, hockey, badminton and lots more. Being a person that highly enjoys sports, it is important to have a wide variety of sports. The teachers that run the sports are very supporting, making sure that all the girls are safe and having lot of fun.