

St Vincent's College

Potts Point, NSW 2011

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Reference – Ashley Abalajon

To whom it may concern,

I have taught Ashley Abalajon in Visual Arts in Years 11 and 12 in 2017 and 2018. As Head Teacher of Visual Arts and Design I have observed Ashley's progress in Design & Technology as well.

Ashley has always been a pleasure to teach. She is an exceptionally engaged student who has directed her considerable abilities to achieving success in all she undertakes. She approaches all her work with steady care and a conscientious desire to understand the demands and the possibilities of all projects.

Ashley has refined drawing skills and works with sensitivity and precision in artmaking. She has shown the ability to experiment thoughtfully with concepts, styles of rendering and materials to explore ways of investigating ideas about the world. Over the years she has developed a reflective and increasingly critical ability to understand the progress and demands of her work. Ashley is always receptive to advice and enjoys entering into conversation about her work. Despite her polite and gentle personality, she will reflect on any advice and ensure that it is consistent with her own understanding and direction. This ability to engage in conversation and reflect on her response is a mark of the integrity with which Ashley approaches work.

In Design & Technology Ashley worked with similar refinement, with the added dimension of considerable time-management and analytical organisation skills. Characteristically, the focus of Ashley's design project was on meeting socially useful community needs. In this she expressed her concerned and generous approach to life and to others. Another impressive feature of Ashley's design work was the receptive and efficient learning that she brought to new software and technological applications that she needed for success.

It has been a great pleasure to be involved in Ashley's education, and all her teachers have benefited from her gentle presence and her kindness. She is a person who is quietly observant of the needs of others and assists with generous and unobtrusive efficiency. This makes Ashley a valued member of any group or class she is part of.

I am happy to answer any other queries or provide further information that will support Ashley in the next stage of her education.

Yours sincerely,

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