

Vicky Kim – Dream of Future

I have a dream for my future that I really want to achieve. That dream is to become a doctor. There have been a few different things that led to me having this dream. One of them was an essay I wrote in year 7 about Florence Nightingale.

Florence Nightingale is a person that I respect very much. She sacrificed her own lifestyle to look after poor people and soldiers that became injured or sick in the war. At the time, the work of nurses was not understood or appreciated, and Florence Nightingale was sometimes treated coldly and indifferently by the people around her.

Even so, she continued to do her best to save as many lives as she could. She continued her work until she passed away at the age of 90.

I decided that I too want to help people as Florence Nightingale did, and have a job that brings happiness to others.

The second reason is an experience I had three years ago. At that time, the grandfather of my close friend was seriously ill. However, my friend's family were not very wealthy, and the grandfather was unable to have surgery because they could not afford the fees. I believe this is not just my friend's grandfather's problem. What happens to elderly people without family, or the children of poor households when they become sick? I would like to be able to provide free treatment and diagnosis for these people.

Helping people, doing something for people is in no way an easy task. But last year I learnt the importance of doing so during my time at Multicap for my school's community service. Multicap is a facility that provides care for people with physical and intellectual disabilities. My volunteer activities there ended up being a very valuable experience for me.

Albert Schweitzer, a man who dedicated himself to providing medical care to people in equatorial Africa, wrote the following in his book:

“Life becomes harder for us when we live for others, but it also becomes richer and happier”.

(He who works for the sake of others is happy, because it makes him richer?)

To become a magnificent doctor, who can empathise with and treat patients as members of my own family, and cure the disease is something that I hope from the bottom of my heart.