Minh Thuy Thai came to Australia from Vietnam in 2008 and enrolled in Year 9 at Canley Vale High School in south-western Sydney.

“I was only 14, but my first reaction was wow! This is my dream. This is where I want to be to reach my goal.”

Thuy became an outstanding young leader at her school, completed senior high school and the Higher School Certificate (HSC) in 2011 and was dux of her school. She was first in the State in English as a Second Language (ESL) and in Vietnamese.

She achieved an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 99.95 and was listed on the NSW Board of Studies Top All Rounder list for her distinguished HSC achievements.

Thuy also won the 2012 DEC International Academic Achievement Award and received her prize at an exclusive presentation for international students held at New South Wales (NSW) State Parliament House, Australia in the presence of Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales.

“Coming to Australia has been a life-changing experience. It wasn't scary at all and I was so glad I studied in Australia.”

Thuy is thankful to the teachers and students at Canley Vale High School for all their help and assistance.

“The staff and students supported me throughout and have contributed to my growth and development.”

Thuy is currently studying a Bachelor of Commerce (Liberal Studies) at the University of Sydney.

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