

# GARV SHAH

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## EDUCATION

- The University of Melbourne** (B-SCI Computing & Software Systems, 92.50 WAM) Jan 2024 - Current
- Completed University of Melbourne Extension Program Maths with H1 (First Class Honours) in high-school.
  - Also studying concurrent diploma in Mathematical Sciences, specialising in Discrete Maths and Operations Research.
- Caulfield Grammar School - Wheelers Hill** (VCE, Full Academic Scholarship, 99.50 ATAR) Jan 2019 - Nov 2024
- President and administrator of school maths club and programming society, CGSP. Created school Maths Captain role; built app w/ weekly problems, 120 users; taught 20 student classes & made comps; increased membership by 450%.
  - Debating captain; led 98 students in state-wide program & made weekly workshops; coordinated 5 comps & increased participation by 350%; conferred school 'Best Speaker' 3x along with 'Swannie' for best speaker in region and grade.
  - Engaged in music/theatre (part of 9 ensembles, 9 productions) & tennis, table-tennis, soccer, badminton, rock-climbing; helped raise ~\$12k over 5 years for charity concert; co-directed musical w/ 111 participants.
  - Highest awards for Academics, Music, Debating, Publications, Cheer Squad, Public Speaking & Community Service.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Axiom Education** *Co-founder, Partner, Information and Operations Officer* Dec 2024 - Present
- Founded education start-up based in Melbourne, garnering over 400 hours of teaching experience.
- Self Employed** *Freelance Programmer* NP Logistics, Shaw FP, Verdis Government, etc. | May 2021 - Present
- Earned \$11k+ from client work; 7 applications on stores w/ 20k+ installs. Operating systems for 6 small businesses.
- VicSRC & National Student Voice Council** *Executive Committee Member* VicSRC | Oct 2023 - Nov 2024
- Liaised with national/state ministers on policy reform; organised state 'Congress' w/ 100+ ppl and achieved ~\$23k profit; helped develop 10-year state priorities for Victorian Department of Education.
- CSIRO** *Student Internship* Sep 2022 - Oct 2022
- Shadowed researchers across 5 fields (Software, Titanium Alloy 3D Printing, Electron Microscopy, Protein Synthesis & Bio Tech) e.g. Dr Helmut Thissen/Dr John Page; interpreted Aus Telescope National Facility data using algorithmic analysis.
- Junior Engineers & Innovate Technology Robotics Academy** *Teacher* Dec 2022 - Oct 2023 // Mar 2022 - Jun 2022
- Tutored young students, building robotics/programming skills e.g. with VEX IQ as past national championship winner.

## PROJECTS

- 2cousins** (Initiative under my non-profit Aporia, ABN: 87127315891) *Founder/CEO* Flutter, Firebase
- Led 18 intl volunteers to teach 200+ students from underprivileged backgrounds weekly; raised ~\$6k for rural dev and got 2 students into uni; nominated for 3 social impact awards including 7NEWS Young Achiever Saward Dawson Award (\$1000 value).
- The NOVA System** *Founder/CEO* Flutter, REST APIs, Firebase, Node.js
- Built system to mimic live cryptocurrency transactions; workshops for 300+ students on financial education; negotiated \$25k VC investment for implementation into intl IB curriculum before closure due to provider pricing changes.
- CaulfieldSync** Next.js, REST APIs, iCal
- Developed API for student interoperability over school backend (created calendar integration & 4 peer applications, 100+ users); reported and mitigated 6 vulnerabilities with CGS IT team. Founded 1st comp club for pro bono projects on community issues.
- NP Logistics** *Independent Contractor* Flutter, Firebase, Node.js
- Enterprise order/employee management solution; 15+ orders weekly w/ live tracking to transition to digital platform.

## RESEARCH

- Applications of Traveling Salesperson Problem** Held-Karp, Simulated Annealing | Jun 2022 - Aug 2023
- Conducted informal research as passion project, comparing exact vs heuristic implementations w/ time complexity analyses.

## AWARDS

- Apple WWDC 2021 Scholarship Award** *App Development* Apple Inc. | Jun 2021
- One of 300 global students awarded in the Swift Student Challenge, sponsored to attend the Worldwide Developer Conference.
- IMMC Award of Meritorious Achievement** *Statistical & Algorithmic Analysis* ACER | May 2022
- Placed 2nd in Australia for modelling most efficient way to board planes, proceeding to the intl finals out of 58 global finalists.
- Non-Trivial Fellow** *Research* Non-Trivial | Jul 2024
- Chosen from 3500+ global applicants as 1 of 200 for CS research on applications of computability theory in CAPTCHAs.
- Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholar** *Leadership & Academic Excellence* Melbourne University | Nov 2022
- Chosen from 1500+ applicants for general excellence. Independently started a student community "Green" w/ 150+ members.

## SKILLS & INTERESTS

- Programming Languages: Flutter/Dart, Swift, JavaScript, Python, HTML, CSS, TypeScript
- Software and Tools: Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe After Effects, GitHub, Docker, Latex, Node.js, Firebase
- Languages: Fluent in English, Hindi and Gujarati
- Other Interests: Music lover, drummer for my band "Paradox" with published music. Hobbies include video editing and 3D modelling, created tv show for my school. Also love traveling, learning and reading books!