

Presentation of Message (ProM) Template

[Note: The sample is not a model answer but an example of how to prepare for the Presentation of Message]

Name:		Admin No:	Tutorial Group:
Topic: What achievement are you most proud of? Give three reasons to explain your choice.			
Proposed title: (max 15 words)		A Visual Arts and Writing Club (VAWC) at Temasek Polytechnic (TP)	
Main message: (max 40 words)		<p><i>[What is the focus of my article? What point am I making?]</i></p> <p>The achievement I am most proud of is creating a new CCA in TP. With a focus on visual arts and writing, this CCA allows students to develop important life skills, support community initiatives and demonstrate leadership.</p>	
REASON 1	State 1 st reason as a subheading (max 8 words)	Cultivating life skills	
	Brief explanation of 1 st reason (max 30 words)	A CCA in arts and writing will allow students to cultivate life skills such as problem-solving and being innovative in a creative environment.	
	Concrete supporting evidence (max 50 words)	<p>The evidence is from a report from UNESCO that shared that arts education fosters the necessary life skills such as problem-solving and being innovative.</p> <p>https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000220601</p>	
	Personal opinion/ experience/ observation (max 50 words)	<p>In a Secondary School art project, I faced a challenge. I wanted to integrate poetry in a painting without altering the painting itself. I solved this by carving the poem into a stencil and projecting light through it.</p>	
REASON 2	State 2 nd reason as a subheading (max 8 words)	Supporting the community	
	Brief explanation of 2 nd reason (max 30 words)	VAWC can support community projects through visual arts and writing projects.	
	Concrete supporting evidence (max 50 words)	<p>The evidence is from a Straits Times report about ThisConnect.today a platform where people express themselves through experiential art and conversations in support of mental health through a community engagement art project.</p> <p>https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/causes-week-connecting-about-mental-health-through-art</p>	
	Personal opinion/ experience/ observation (max 50 words)	<p>In VAWC, members voted to support Yellow Ribbon for our first magazine. The content which includes art and poetry in the magazine focused on the cause.</p>	
REASON 3	State 3 rd reason as a subheading (max 8 words)	Creating opportunities to lead	
	Brief explanation of 3 rd reason (max 30 words)	VAWC allows students to showcase leadership skills in a creative environment.	
	Concrete supporting evidence (max 50 words)	<p>The evidence is from Forbes which states that creativity is essential for future leaders.</p> <p>https://www.forbes.com/sites/worldeconomicforum/2020/01/09/when-an-artist-becomes-a-leader/?sh=58c6d75893e4</p>	
	Personal opinion/ experience/ observation (max 50 words)	<p>In VAWC, we take turns leading based on our strengths. For example, the writing editor provides constructive feedback on the member's writing and visual editor will critic the artwork and suggest improvements.</p>	



Title: Creating a Visual Arts and Writing Club in Temasek Polytechnic

[Topic: What achievement are you most proud of? This topic is not from our assessment list. The sample is not a model answer but an example of how to write the article using the techniques taught.]

INTRODUCTION

In June 2022, Deputy Prime Minister Lawrence Wong posted this message on social media, [“Set your path, think about what you want to achieve and go for it with all your heart”](#). This reminded me of my dream of creating a new CCA. In my first year at Temasek Polytechnic (TP), I visited the CCA Fair and realised that out of the [77 CCAs in TP](#), none of them could fulfil my interest in visual arts and writing. This led me to create a CCA dedicated to the visual arts and writing. I’m proud to share that in 2022, my friends and I founded the Visual Arts and Writing Club (VAWC), a club that cultivates life skills, supports the community, and moulds leaders.

DISCUSSION

Cultivating life skills

A new CCA that encourages creativity through visual arts and writing will help students cultivate important life skills. One of the benefits of an arts education, as reported by [UNESCO](#), is the opportunity for students to innovate and problem-solve. These life skills teach students to embrace failure as part of the creative process, which is essential to developing a growth mindset. [MOE](#) Art teachers are also encouraged to help nurture students’ growth mindset through arts.



Life skills including innovative thinking.

Photo Credit: [UNESCO](#)

In secondary school, I volunteered for an art project where I faced a challenge trying to display a poem on a painting. I solved this problem by carving the poem on a plastic sheet to create a stencil and projecting light through it. I saw the value of problem-solving in a creative environment and am proud that VAWC allows students to cultivate these life skills.

Supporting the community

Another reason why I'm proud of establishing VAWC is that we have been able to support the community through visual arts and writing. Many artists in Singapore have done this, for example, [ThisConnect.today](#), a platform that raises awareness about mental wellness, organised a community exhibition showcasing “[performative, instructional and participatory art](#)” by participants, in support of mental health. Similarly, VAWC aims to provide an avenue for students to support a chosen cause. Our members voted to support Yellow Ribbon Singapore through our first edition of our print magazine ‘[New Horizon](#)’. We featured visual art and poetry on the theme of a new beginning and donated all sale proceeds to Yellow Ribbon Singapore. Like ThisConnect.today, VAWC provides a platform for students to show support to the community through the arts. As one of the founding members, I'm proud of this achievement.



A product of collaboration by students in the VAWC issue 1 “New Horizon”
Photo Credit: [VAWC](#)

Creating opportunities to lead

Lastly, VAWC provides opportunities for members to lead in a creative environment. The arts and leadership have a valued relationship. Several social movements have included artists as leaders. [Nico Daswani](#), Head of Arts and Culture at the World Economic Forum believes that creativity is an essential skill for future leaders. Additionally, there is a need for future artist leaders to influence change in the world.

In VAWC, the members take turns leading projects based on their strengths. For example, the writing editor reviews written works while the visual editor critiques artwork. These [peer leaders](#) influence productivity and the attitude within the club. I feel proud to witness the junior members echo the same leadership qualities as the

founding members. Thus, I'm proud that VAWC provides the opportunity for leadership in a creative environment.



The founding members of the Visual Arts & Writing Club (VAWC)
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CONCLUSION

An achievement I'm most proud of is the creation of VAWC as this CCA cultivates life skills, supports the community, and provides leadership opportunities for members. To find out more about our achievements, join the TP Talks seminar series on Monday, 4 August 2025, at 9am in TP's Auditorium 3.

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