



Dear Ron,

I hope this letter finds you well as Term 2 comes to a close and another illuminate:nextgen Challenge on the North West Coast has successfully come to a close. We would like to thank you and the Sheffield community for your ongoing support of the program and the dedication of your teachers, namely Bob Ashby, for their enthusiasm and for accompanying students to the challenge each year.

Despite having to travel an hour each morning and afternoon to attend the challenge, each student displayed motivation, respect and enthusiasm to their peers, staff and facilitators throughout the week without fail. They were truly a fantastic example and a credit to your school community.

Both our facilitators, Gab and Jed, expressed what a pleasure it was to work with humble and motivated students like those from Sheffield. The illuminate:nextgen Challenge is now run Australia wide and our facilitators come into contact with hundreds of students each year, but it is an absolute joy to encounter students with the determination and temperament that your students displayed.

Having run the challenge for six years in the area, we knew the competition would be strong, especially with all of the schools having been involved in previous years. Each year the students build on what they learn through the challenge, showing a growing level of innovation and increasing quality of work. This proves that there is a real entrepreneurship community developing in our state. Despite this tough competition, the students from Sheffield rose to the challenge. Their work was consistently submitted on time and with a high quality, which impressed judges, facilitators, parents and staff.

As a result of this calibre of dedication, they dominated the illuminate:nextgen Challenge, winning multiple awards. Including:

- Best Marketing Package: Team 06, Above, Beyond & Below
- Student Choice, Best Idea: Team 06, Above, Beyond & Below
- Overall Best Business: Team 06, Above, Beyond & Below

While only one team from Sheffield walked away with awards, a special mention needs to be made for Team 01, Tasmanian Organic Produce Festival. They competed at a high level throughout the week, producing high quality and creative submissions that impressed all involved.

With over 3800 students across Australia having completing the illuminate:nextgen Challenge, we are always impressed by schools that consistently invest in their students and inspire them to be the creators of their own future – and from what we have seen from Sheffield School, that gives us hope for the future of our country. I am sure this is driven from a passion for the students, but I would like to encourage the entire school community in their pursuit of developing creative and bold young adults. You and your students add such value to the community and we look forward to seeing what your students achieve in future illuminate:nextgen Challenges.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and participation in the illuminate:nextgen Challenge.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam'.

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