

Success

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The following is a draft from Bendigo student Kelly Dillon; it gives an indication of the (high) quality of tasks being completed by Year 11 students (2006). The English piece is presented with Kelly's permission.

We can all aspire to be great. I am writing in hope of inspiring not only myself, but also others to aim high. I want to help those people who want that little bit extra, the thing that makes ordinary extraordinary.

"Successful people are dominated by an inspirational unrest that urges them to rise above themselves and their circumstances, to reach for higher more worthwhile goals." You must realize that you can't do it alone. Here are some of the many characteristics of successful individuals:

Commitment: they are dedicated to being the best they can be. They are relentless in their pursuit of goals and push for perfection. A respected coach said to me, **"100% right is 100% right, 99% right is a 100% wrong."**

Desire: they have a burning desire that overcomes all problems. They accept that it will be tough at times, but understand that it is more often desire than talent that determines success. **"The ability to succeed requires the realization of what one wants and the passionate desire to attain it."**

Confidence: universally, successful people radiate an inner realistic belief in themselves and transmit these positive encouraging qualities to whomever they meet. They are people of quality who refuse to quit when the going gets tough. They have faith in their own abilities and skills, which they have perfected.

This provides them with continual hope when others go missing. They dig deeper and they expect to win. **"You will become as small as your controlling desire or as great as your dominant aspiration."**

Courage: it is easy to be average but a risk to be the best. Courage is vital to excel, that is why not many people do. **"Courage is the capacity to confront your dreams"**

Consistency: their determination to achieve consistently is reflected in their choice to persist until their goals are accomplished. They never quit. **"Persistence is much greater than talent"**

Leadership: they want to be key players especially when the going gets tough. This is when they are at their best. They seek challenges and never side step issues.

"Unless you try something beyond what you have already mastered you will never grow."

Mental toughness: they have trained themselves to control any physical or emotional factors, which may become obstacles. They don't see problems, they radiate optimism and think in terms of opportunities. **"Tough times don't last, tough people do."**

Individual responsibility: they know the results of their actions. Their actions reflect the quality of their own personal preparation and effort. They accept full responsibility and act accordingly to improve. They never blame others. **"You don't get respect because you want it, you get respect because you earn it."**

Pride: their pride and honour continually drive them onwards. They will always try just one more time, fight one more round, run one more kilometre. They never surrender.

"The only time you can't afford to fail is the last time you try"

"Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on, after others have let go."

So, push for perfection: **"Be the best you can be, no more, no less, no excuses."**

Accept that it will be tough .. accept the challenge.

Expect to win, never quit, and, have faith in your ability and skills.

Seek challenges .. it's the only way you will grow.

Never blame others and never say die.

The loser says: "It may be possible, but it's too difficult."

The winner says: "It may be difficult, but, it is possible."

