Sample Genuine Student Statement: MBA Applicant

Applicant profile: the same applicant, writing the visa document
Sample Genuine Student answers, about 150 words each, written to the question format

1. Current personal and family circumstances and ties to home country

I am 27, unmarried and live in Pune with my parents and younger sister. My father runs a family-owned electrical contracting business established in 1998 and my mother is a school teacher. Our family owns residential property in Pune and agricultural land in Satara district, and the business employs eleven people. I have worked continuously at the same bank for five years and hold a confirmed leave-of-absence discussion with my employer regarding future re-engagement. My sister is completing her final year of medicine in Pune. My family, property and long-term professional network are in India, and I intend to return to them after completing the programme and gaining initial experience abroad.

2. Why this course and institution

I have selected the MBA at this university because of its corporate strategy specialisation and its applied business project, which places student teams with real organisations for a full term. My five years in retail banking have been operational, and I need structured training in strategy, corporate finance and organisational design. The financial services concentration allows me to build on my sector rather than start over. I compared four Australian programmes and selected this one because its project component is assessed client work rather than coursework, and because its intake structure allows a February start that matches my employer notice period. I attended an online information session in May and confirmed these details directly with the admissions team.

3. How this programme benefits my career

My current role manages a portfolio of small business clients. My progression has stalled at the boundary between execution and strategy, where the roles I want require formal training I do not have. The programme provides corporate finance, competitive strategy and organisational behaviour, and its industry project gives me evidence of strategic work I currently cannot show. On returning to India, the Indian banking sector is expanding its transformation and strategy functions, and roles in this area typically list an international MBA among their requirements. This qualification directly addresses the gap between my operational record and the positions I am targeting.

4. Why Australia and long-term plans

Australia's banking sector is concentrated, heavily regulated and further advanced in digital retail transformation than the market I work in, which makes it a useful environment to study the competitive questions relevant to my career. Comparable Indian programmes deliver the applied component as coursework rather than client engagement. I understand the conditions of the student visa, including course progress requirements, work-hour limits during study and the obligation to maintain enrolment and health cover. My longer-term plan is to gain two to three years of experience and then return to India to work in banking strategy, where my family and property interests are also located.

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