When I went to Fairfax Collegiate for VEX camp, I wasn’t expecting too much change. I thought that VEX would be like NXT, with the block programming and brain. The only main difference I thought was going to happen was the materials. VEX would use metal and aluminum. NXT used Lego parts.

When I entered, it was a whole new ballgame. I had no idea who anyone was when I entered the room. I dreaded the start of the class. The first day, we focused on building the squarebot. The materials were what I expected, but mysteriously, the Cortex had all these open spaces in it. At least one of my predictions was correct.

On Wednesday, we finished our robot. We then had to do the 4 autonomous challenges given by our teacher. When I opened up RobotC, I knew my guess was incorrect when I saw a blank screen. When I saw that, I thought, how am I going to do this? But I still persevered.

We were allowed to skip the autonomous challenges because we had to program the robot for driver control. When I first tried driving the robot, it was practically impossible. But I still persevered, and after a few tries, I was a driver.

I enjoyed my time at Fairfax Collegiate and learned a lot about VEX Robotics. It has even made me consider studying engineering in college. It made me realize even thought something looks difficult, just take a stab at it and try.