



# FUTURE PATHWAYS STUDENT INTERVIEWS

## Frequently Asked Questions



### What are the Future Pathways interviews?

The Future Pathways interviews give students the opportunity to discuss their Year 9 and 10 elective choices with an experienced staff member. Teachers will provide guidance and advice to students in relation to their pattern of study, as well as ensuring that the pattern of study is compliant with NESA guidelines. This ensures that the student is eligible to achieve the ROSA credential at the completion of their Year 10 studies. Students, staff and parents will discuss student strengths, areas for improvement, interests and future aspirations during the interview. At the conclusion of the interview, students will choose 3 electives that they wish to study in 2026/27 in priority order, as well as 3 reserve choices.



### When are they held?

For 2025, **Bathurst High Campus** Future Pathways Interviews will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

For 2025, **Kelso High Campus** Future Pathways Interviews will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Interview times were distributed to students at the beginning of Term 3. Interview information will also emailed to parents.



## How long is the interview?

The length of the interview may vary due to the individual circumstances of each student, so there is not a specific time limit set. The majority of interviews will usually go for 5 to 10 minutes.



## Can parent/carers attend the Future Pathways interviews?

Parents are encouraged to attend the interview with their child where possible. If parents are not able to attend, they may request to be called during the interview so that they are involved in the course selection process. If a parent is unable to attend, the interview will be conducted between the student and a campus staff member.



## Where are the interviews held?

At **Bathurst High Campus**, interviews are held in the Performing Arts Foyer. Access can be gained via the Piper St entrance, which will be signposted on the day. Parents may also access via the front office.

At **Kelso High Campus**, the interviews will be held in the Human Movement Studio. Access can be gained via the Boyd Street entrance, then past the school gymnasium, which will be signposted on the day.



## What is the process if my child is sick on the day of their scheduled interview?

If your child is sick or not able to attend their scheduled interview time, please contact the College Support Administration Officer, Alisha Hutchinson, on 0436 695 751 or [alisha.hutchinson3@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:alisha.hutchinson3@det.nsw.edu.au). Catch-up interviews will be held for students who are unable to attend their scheduled interview time.





# Who do I contact if I have any questions after my child's interview or require further information?

## Campus Deputy Principal

**BHC Nicholas Williams** – [nicholas.williams59@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nicholas.williams59@det.nsw.edu.au)

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## College Staff

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## Campus Careers Adviser

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## **How does my child check their interview time if they have lost their invitation?**

Interview times are posted outside the Deputy Principal's office at both campuses. Students can also check their timeslot with the Deputy Principal, Year Adviser or College staff member of their campus.



## **What is recommended to best prepare for my child's interview?**

Students and families should first refer to the Future Pathways booklet that was provided to students. This contains all relevant information in relation to Stage 5 electives, patterns of study and the various courses that are offered across both campuses. A copy of the booklet can also be found on the Denison College website

<https://denison-s.schools.nsw.gov.au/school-transitions/year-8-to-9.html>

It is helpful if a student has put some time and thought into their selections before the interview. There is a section at the end of the Future Pathways booklet that allows students to create a draft list of possible choices.

Students should discuss their course options with their classroom teachers and the Head Teachers of the different faculties to help inform their decisions around course selection. Specialist staff members such as the Campus Deputy Principal, Careers Adviser and Year Adviser are also available for students to discuss their course selections before the Future Pathways interviews occur.





## **Why do students have to choose 6 courses?**

Students will be asked to select 3 courses and 3 reserves, or backups, that they are interested in. We ask students to select 6 courses as they may not get all their top 3 selections. This provides students with courses that they are still interested in studying, rather than a random allocation. Denison College works to ensure that students get as many of their top 3 courses as possible. However, this may not always be logistically possible due to course numbers, line clashes etc.



## **Will students get all their selected 3 course choices?**

As mentioned, Denison College works to match as many students as possible to their top 3 course selections, however, this is not always possible, and students may be allocated one or more of their reserve course selections.

