



# FUTURE DIRECTIONS



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS STUDENT SUBJECT SELECTION INTERVIEWS

### 1 What are the Future Directions interviews?



The Future Directions interviews give students the opportunity to discuss their Year 11 and 12 course 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 HSC credential (and ATAR if needed) at the completion of their Higher School Certificate 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 be asked to select six courses that they would like to study in Year 11 2025, as well as four reserve options.

### 2 When are they held?



For 2024, **Bathurst High Campus** Future Direction Interviews will be held on **Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th August 2024**.

For 2024, **Kelso High Campus** Future Direction Interviews will be held on **Thursday 8th, Friday 9th and Monday 12th August 2024**.

Interview times were distributed to students at the end of Term 2. Interview times were also emailed to parents.

### 3 How long do they go for?



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 10 to 15 minutes.

## 4 Can parents/carers attend the Future Direction Interviews?



Parents are strongly 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.

## 5 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.

## 6 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.

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



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



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

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

Students and families should first refer to the Future Directions booklet that was provided to students. This contains all relevant information in relation to Preliminary and HSC rules, 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-10-to-11.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 Directions booklet that allows students to create a draft list of possible choices.

Before the interview, students have time to explore the Future Directions website in careers lessons, explore subjects that match their future goals and seek advice from their Careers Adviser. Students should also 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 Direction interviews occur.

## 10 If my child has a referral to a Head Teacher, what are they required to do?



Students may be referred to the Head Teacher of a particular faculty if they choose a course level that is higher than what was recommended by their Year 10 teacher. The teacher recommendations are based on the student's attendance, engagement, effort and results in the course in Year 10. For example, if a student selects to study Advanced Mathematics in Year 11, but was recommended to study Mathematics Standard, they would be referred to the Head Teacher to discuss the requirements and expectations of the higher-level course. Students are permitted to choose a course that is not recommended; however, they will need to discuss the choice with the Head Teacher of the course.

## 11 My child does not have a USI, what do they need to do prior to their interview?



The USI stands for Unique Student Identifier. A USI is a student's individual education number for life. It provides students with an online record of their vocational education and training (VET) undertaken in Australia. If students are at university, TAFE or doing other nationally recognised training, they need a USI. Students will not be able to enrol in a TAFE course if they do not have a USI.

The student may have created a USI in Careers lessons. If they have forgotten their USI, they can talk to the Careers Adviser or use the following site – Find my USI <https://www.usi.gov.au/students/find-your-usi>  
To create a USI, students can use the following <https://www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi>. After the Future Directions interview, students will have the opportunity to create a USI.

## 12 Why do students have to choose 10 courses?



Students will be asked to select 6 courses and 4 reserves, or backups, that they are interested in. We ask students to select 10 courses as they may not get all their top 6 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 6 courses as possible. However, this may not always be logistically possible due to course numbers, line clashes etc.

## 13 Will students get all their selected 6 course choices?



As mentioned, Denison College works to match as many students as possible to their top 6 course selections, however, this is not always possible, and students may be allocated one or more of their reserve course selections.