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This week sees the wrap-up of learning from home for schools across NSW. Most of our Hubs were already back in operation; some are still to come online as public buildings become available for use. I thank everyone for their time and effort in dealing with the changes we have had to make during covid-19 isolation.

The beautification of our school grounds has continued, where possible within the restrictions. Please check out these photos of the new

gardens at SCSoDE campus, ready for the students to enjoy during their visits.

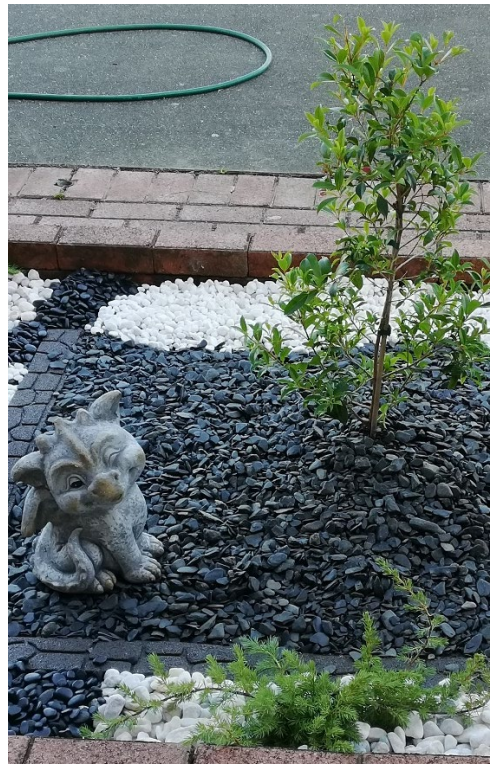
Our staff are looking forward to getting back to normal operation. We plan for outreach visits to resume by Week 7, Hubs by Week 5 and full operations as it used to be, by the end of term.

However, learning for the students has not been affected as we are a distance education provider and have been able to maintain student learning via all of our usual platforms, minus the face-to-face component (which is an extra provision we choose to provide here at SCSoDE).

As usual, if you have any issues and concerns with your child's educational pathway and progress, please contact the school and speak with the teachers or one of our executive staff.

Yours in education,
Danny Henman





Primary News

Primary students have been learning about living things in their five-week Big Idea study. As well as conducting research and experiments, they are using their observational and artistic skills to create some wonderful artworks:





Secondary News

Careers Hub

'Success doesn't come to you, you come to it.'

Students now have access to a dedicated **Careers Space** located in the Learning Centre on the Southern Cross School site in Ballina.



This area can be used by all students to collect information and advice on:

- universities, TAFE, Defence Force and other training facilities in a diverse range of courses
- leaving school: which official documents you should have, and how to prepare your resume and cover letter if you are looking for a job
- career choices and opportunities to match your skills and interests, for jobs and training
- accessing the SCSODE Careers Website
- work experience
- school based traineeships
- volunteering
- office facilities: phone, computer, printer, portfolio folders

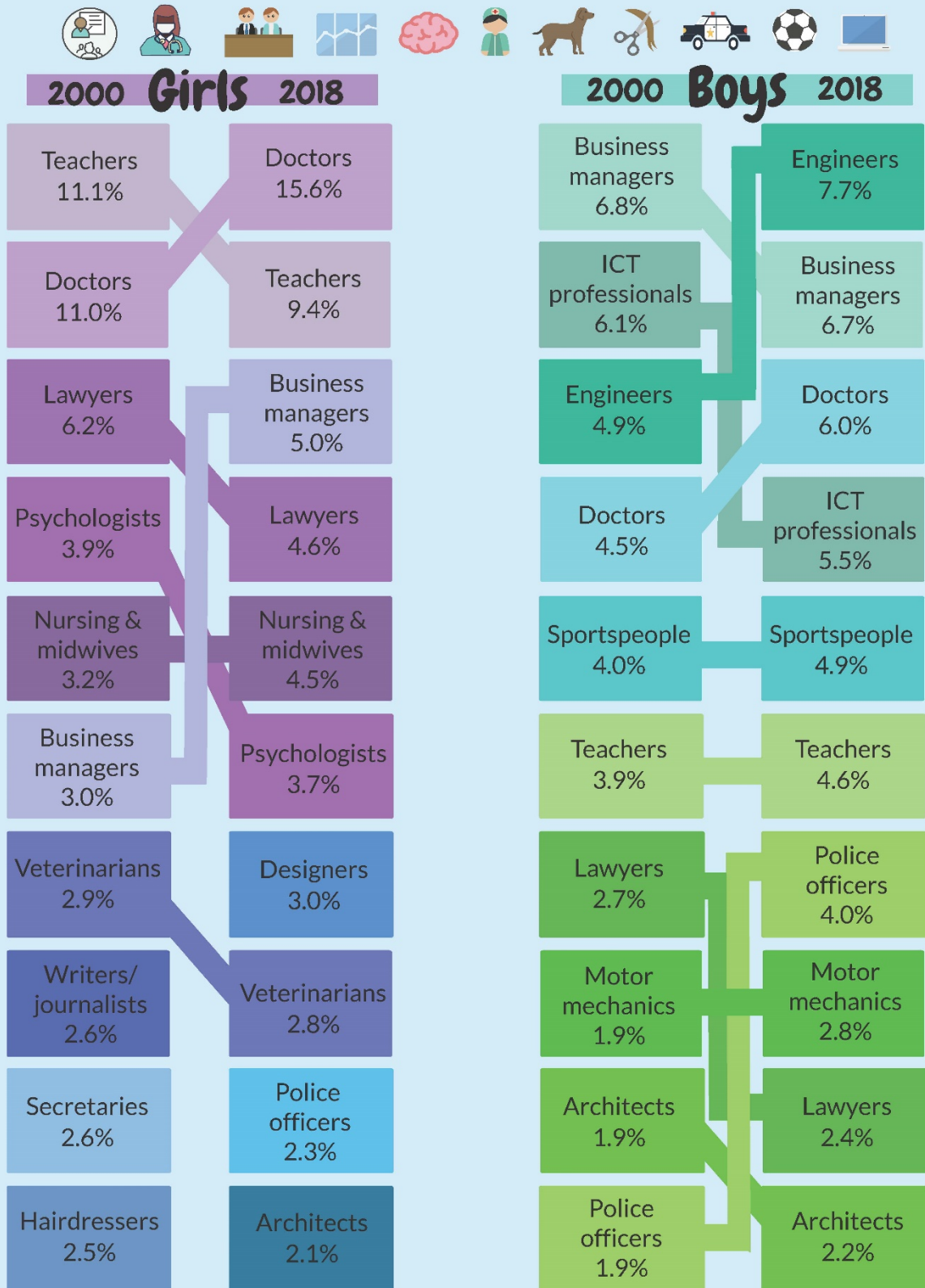
This comfortable area can be used to meet with your Student Adviser, Job Provider or other people who can assist with decisions in relation to your *Careers Pathway Plan*.

Students off-site still have access to all of these resources – just contact your student adviser or Kim Morris on 66 810 345.

TEENAGE CAREER ASPIRATIONS OVER TIME

15-year-olds across the world were asked about the career they expect to have at age 30. Here, we look at the percentage of boys and girls in 2000 and 2018 expecting to work in one of the 10 most commonly cited jobs, how they compare and how the choices have changed over time.

Interesting that for girls there was an increase in Teaching, Lawyers and Psychologists but a drop in Dr's. And for boys an increase in Business managers and ICT professionals but a drop in Engineers and Dr's.



Source: Mann, A., Dennis, V., Schleicher, A., Ekhtiari, H., Forsyth, T., Liu, E., Chambers, N. (2020). *Dream Jobs? Teenagers' Career Aspirations and the Future of Work*. Accessed May 2020.



myfuture is Australia's National Career Information Service.

Use myfuture to:

Develop a personalised career profile: Complete activities to explore your interests, skills and values, and generate a personalised list of suggested occupations.

<https://myfuture.edu.au/my-career-profile>

Find out how occupations relate to school learning areas.

<https://myfuture.edu.au/bullseyes>

Learn about different jobs: There are details about tasks, skills needed and wages.

<https://myfuture.edu.au/occupations>

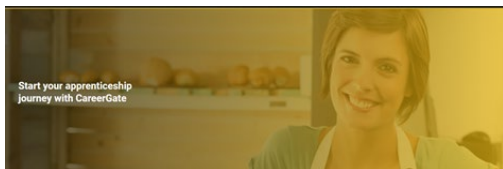
Search for courses: <https://myfuture.edu.au/courses>

Write a resume and cover letter: Learn how to write a resume and cover letter for when you want to apply for a job

<https://myfuture.edu.au/footer/assist-others/job-search-resources>



Try a free online Career Quiz!



CareerGate is VERTO's free online career quiz that helps individuals select the right career path.

CareerGate looks at a person's skills and interests and then makes suggestions on what career would suit them best. Go to:

<https://www.verto.org.au/career-tools/careergate>



Take some of the stress out of Year 12 with an early offer.

Secure your place at uni now with a STAR Early Offer.

The STAR program allows you to secure your place in a Southern Cross University degree before your ATAR results are even released. It's designed to remove some of the pressure from Year 12 and give you a pathway directly into university study that is not based solely on your ATAR.

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Why should I apply for STAR?

This program allows you to gain an offer into a Southern Cross University course of your choice, based on your high school grades and your school principal's recommendation. This means that STAR does not take your ATAR into consideration. It's free to apply through STAR and it's a simple online application.

What can I study?

You can apply for any undergraduate degree program offered at Southern Cross University across our three campuses as well as online study.

With such a broad range of degrees on offer, it's an amazing opportunity to think about your skills, your passions and your future. We can assist you with finding the degree you like and exploring all the exciting places it can take you!

Who is eligible?

Any student completing year 12 studies at an Australian school in 2020 can apply.

How does it work?

STAR has three levels based on your high school grades. These levels are STAR Platinum, STAR Entry and STAR Pathway.

STAR Platinum

Students who qualify at this level may gain entry into any Southern Cross University undergraduate degree, including Midwifery*, Education, Engineering, and Law.

*Midwifery entry is subject to written selection criteria and a competitive interview process.

Entry Requirements

Students should achieve an average grade of:

- HA – High Achievement across all subjects in QLD; or
- Band 4 across all subjects in NSW.

AND have received a principal's recommendation into their chosen degree.

STAR Entry

This level of the program allows early offer access to a broad range of innovative Southern Cross degrees, but does not include our Midwifery, Education, Engineering and Law degrees.

Entry Requirements

Students should:

- Be passing all Year 12 subjects, and/or
- Have received a principal's recommendation into their chosen degree.

STAR Pathway

This level of the program provides an access point for students who may not have gained the academic outcome they'd hoped for, but who still would like to go to university.

Students will be recommended into one of the following Southern Cross University pathways: a relevant Diploma; the Transition to Uni program; or our Preparing for Success at SCU Program (PSP). Upon successful completion of the pathway, students can then commence study in a Southern Cross course.

STAR key dates

Applications open	2 April 2020
Applications close	11 September 2020
QLD school recommendations close	18 September 2020
NSW school recommendations close	25 September 2020
NSW students offers released	9 November 2020
QLD students offers released	18 November 2020

How to apply

Applying for STAR is easy! It should only take you about 10 minutes.

1. Create an application at any time through our STAR website scu.edu.au/star, nominating your degree and campus of choice.
2. Your application will be saved and you can change your course and location preference all the way up until the closing date.
3. Your school will then assess your application and make their recommendation according to Southern Cross University's guidelines.
4. If you need assistance with the process, you can book an appointment with one of our student advisers who can answer any questions you have. Call 1800 626 481.
5. Once offers are released, we'll be in touch and let you know what the next step is.

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School and Community News

High Potential and Gifted Students K-12

Isolate Create Connect

At SCSODE we like to encourage experiences of life outside the daily grind of booklets, Canvas, tests...the whole academic path.

The **ISOLATE CREATE CONNECT** project is a cool way of creating and making objects or media to share with an international community of students around the world. Each student is separated from their daily life, learning how to live at a distance in isolation.

A different teacher sends a video each week and the student can opt-in and do the challenge or choose to wait and see how the others are going.

<https://scoop.com.au/barking-gecko-theatre-launches-isolate-create-connect/>

<https://vimeo.com/410451858>

Watch the invitation video and have a go!



Hedda Whitfield
English Teacher/High Potential and Gifted Coordinator

Software links for students

All student software is available via <https://nsw-students.onthehub.com/WebStore/Welcome.aspx>

Some cheaper options are also available via

https://estore.onthehub.com/WebStore/ProductsByMajorVersionList.aspx?cmi_cs=1&cmi_mnuMain=ed6ad73c-7bc7-e011-ae14-f04da23e67f6

NSW Department of Education

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Key dates

- **Term start and end dates***
 - Term 1 – 28 Jan to 9 Apr 2020
 - Term 2 – 27 Apr to 3 Jul 2020
 - Term 3 – 20 Jul to 25 Sept 2020
 - Term 4 – 12 Oct to 18 Dec 2020
- **Western division – Term 1** – 4 Feb to 9 Apr 2020
- **School development days***
 - Eastern division – 28 Jan 2020
 - Western division – 4 Feb 2020
 - All schools – 27 Apr, 20 Jul, 17 Dec, 18 Dec 2020
- **School vacation dates 2020**
 - Summer – 23 Dec 2019 to 27 Jan 2020
 - Western division – Summer – 23 Dec 2019 to 3 Feb 2020
 - Autumn – 13 Apr to 24 Apr 2020
 - Winter – 6 Jul to 17 Jul 2020
 - Spring – 28 Sept to 9 Oct 2020
 - Summer – 21 Dec 2020 to 26 Jan 2021
 - Western division – Summer – 21 Dec 2020 to 2 Feb 2021
- **Education Week**
 - 3 Aug to 7 Aug 2020
- **Exam dates**
 - Selective high school placement test – 12 Mar 2020
 - NAPLAN paper test – 12 to 14 May 2020
 - NAPLAN online test window – 12 to 22 May 2020
 - Opportunity class placement test – 29 Jul 2020
 - HSC written examinations – 15 Oct to 6 Nov 2020
- **Public holidays**



School zone speed limits apply on all school days, including school development days.

*Check with your local school as some dates may change.

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