



30 August 2022

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 10 Students

From Week 7 to the end of term all Year 10 students will be participating in our inaugural Future Ready program, a St Edward's Careers Education initiative. This learning program will develop their skills and knowledge that will help them be prepared for Year 11, employment or apprenticeships. This also includes their mandatory minimum standard testing and All My Own Work modules as required by NESA.

On **Tuesday 29 November**, students will have mock interviews to improve their interview skills. Students will **attend school for their interview time only**, wear interview attire or their full winter uniform. Interview times will be posted on their portal in Term 4 and students will organise their own way to and from their interview. This is an important life skill and simulates an authentic interview experience.

On **Wednesday 30 November to Wednesday 14 December (last day of school)**, students will have the **option to do work experience** with an employer to enhance his resume content and to gain valuable work related skills. Students need to find their own employer and, yes, he can do work experience with you.

If you would like Xzavier to participate in work experience please complete the form [here](#) by **Friday 2 September** and I will send you further information and relevant documentation. In the past students have completed work experience with tradies, physios, primary schools, reptile park, cafés, retail stores, nbn television, Wyong Court House, and fire brigades just to name a few. Note: students who opt **not to participate in work experience** will complete a virtual work experience program here at school.

Other events planned within our Future Ready program include Upskilling with micro credentials, Connecting to country, Time to rise (social justice) and Care of country, all designed to develop their enterprising skills and knowledge in these areas.

We are very excited about this program. Prior to Covid-19 we tried something similar which the students enjoyed, were engaged in and agreed it was a fantastic and beneficial way to finish the year.

Again if you would like you son to participate in work experience please complete the form [here](#) by **Friday 2 September**.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 0243 216435 or via email at jdignam@stedwards.nsw.edu.au

Regards

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