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Teacher's Example

Scenario: Layla lives in Sydney with her disabled father and her two younger sisters. She is often required to provide care for her father and sisters, as well as help out financially. She has always had an interest in fashion and would like to one day design her own clothes and have her own fashion label. What are some of the pathways that Layla can consider to achieve her goal?

Pathways and Support: Layla may want to study at university and there are many suitable degrees at numerous universities. For example, she could take a Bachelor of Design at UNSW, or a Bachelor of Design in Fashion and Textiles at UTS. She may also want to study business or accounting at university as she wants to own her own business. Alternatively, Layla could use TAFE as a pathway to university.

She can maximise her chances of being accepted into a university course by taking advantage of the Educational Access Scheme. She may be eligible for bonus points under the 'financial hardship' or 'home environment and responsibilities' categories. Money is an issue but she would not have to pay for her degree right away; she is eligible for the HECS-HELP scheme and she might want to apply for one of the scholarships on offer. Layla might want to get a part-time job, perhaps working in a fashion boutique. This would help her out financially, as well as providing her with experience in an industry she is interested in.

She has a lot of caring responsibilities so she could consider studying part-time or even deferring for a year if her responsibilities are too heavy at the moment.

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Scenario One

Sabrina came to Australia as a refugee with her mother, older brother and her two younger sisters. She works part-time on weekends and sometimes after school. Sabrina has an interest in counselling and supporting people from refugee backgrounds, just like the social workers who helped her family when they first arrived in Australia. What pathways and opportunities are available to her?



Scenario Two

Nabil is very nervous about his upcoming half yearly exams as he hasn't done a lot of work and wonders if it's too late to improve his chances of getting into a Sports Science course. He plays football at a high level and coaches a junior team and this takes up a lot of his time. He really hopes to work with young people in the Sports Industry. His parents have recently divorced and he spends a lot of his time worrying about and caring for his Dad who has been diagnosed with depression. What are some of the pathways and options available to Nabil?



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Scenario Three

Deena lives in Sydney with her parents and younger brother. She tries her best at school but has a disruptive home life as her parents fight a lot and she has to look after her brother. As maths is her best and favourite subject, Deena dreams of one day becoming an accountant and her teachers have been very supportive. What pathways and opportunities are available to her?



Scenario Four

Rachel recently received a high mark in her half yearly Business Studies exam and is considering a career in this field. She has been saving money to travel and she is unsure if she wants to go to university right away but she doesn't want to miss out on the opportunity. Rachel is an Indigenous Australian and her teacher has mentioned the possibility of a pre-uni program. What are some of the opportunities and pathways available to Rachel?



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Scenario Five

Talia lives in a small town with her family. The last couple of years have been difficult for her as a recent accident means she now has to use a walking stick when she is moving about. She is good at debating and received high marks in English recently. She would really like to study Law at university. What opportunities are available to Talia? How can she achieve her dream?



Scenario Six

Brittany lives with her mother and two younger brothers who attend the local primary school. Her mum works long hours as a hairdresser, so Brittany has to spend a lot of time caring for her brothers both on the weekends and before and after school. It has been difficult for her mother to find work over the years and as a result, they have had to move around a lot. Brittany has changed schools many times in the last few years. She has always been interested in art and design and thinks she might like to be a graphic designer. What options are available to her?



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Scenario Seven

Peter lives on a farm in regional NSW. He has always been interested in chemical science and has considered going away to university to study. He is also very keen to travel. His parents are concerned about the financial challenges and would prefer him to work on the farm and gain some hands-on experience before studying. What are some pathways and options available to Peter?



Scenario Eight

Lin lives with her father and two sisters. They moved to Australia two years ago and Lin is still learning English. She is very creative and good at fixing things around the house. Sometimes she likes to draw designs for new inventions she thinks up. Lin is currently working on the idea of a robotic fridge that would bring you food while you're watching TV. She is interested in Industrial Design and Engineering and would like to study at university. Her concern is that she often needs to work to help support the family. Would it be possible for her to combine work and study? What are her options?

