**Personal Statement (including Discussion Topics) for Jumbunna Pathways Application**

**Name:**

 **Course Area of Interest:**

**Section 1**

Please provide responses to the following questions. The minimum word count expected for Section 1 is 500 words in total.

1. We’d like to get to know a little about you: please tell us who you are, where you are from and a little about your community?
2. What are your interests? How do you like to spend your free time?
3. As a student, can you describe a situation which taught you something about yourself.
4. Learning in groups and teams is an essential skill both at school and at university. What are the benefits and the challenges of groupwork? Describe what strategies you use to manage the challenges.
5. Studying can be challenging for everyone. Who are the people in your life who will support you as a university student? In what ways will they support you?
6. When you have faced a challenge in your education, what strengths did you use to deal with the challenge (e.g. perseverance)?
7. Describe what strategies you have used to manage your time?
8. Describe your interest in the course you wish to choose? How will this degree help you in the future?
9. In demonstrating your interest in your chosen career, please provide an example of work you have completed that relates to your course area of interest. For example, if you are interested in Law, Business or Society and Culture, you may like to provide an essay you submitted as a part of your high school studies. If you are interested in Design, you might like to provide a sample of your design work. The content can be copied and pasted into this document, or alternatively please provide a link to the sample work.

**If you are applying for the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA),** please also complete the following questions:

1. What is your current or most recent position? Tell us a bit about the work you do.
2. Balancing your work and your studies will place new demands on your time. What strategies will you use to manage this? Who are the people in your life that will support you?

**Section 2**

Please select ***any three topics*** and write approximately ***300 words*** in response to the questions selected.

**Discussion Topics**

1. What values do we need in a potential world leader that we've never had before?
2. What alternate sources of energy might we need to turn to in the next 50 to 60 years, and how can we provide them?
3. How can we make our schools better using what resources we have available?
4. Does our technology connect us more, or isolate us more? Why do you feel this way?
5. Why is having values and beliefs important and how can we form them independently?
6. What are some more engaging alternatives to homework?
7. Which words or phrases do we overuse, and what would be some better ones?
8. Are schools designed more for male or female students? Why do you feel this way?
9. Of the two, which is more important: having talent or working hard? Why?
10. What are the advantages of letting students direct their own learning?
11. Does classroom technology enhance how we learn, or is it just getting in the way? Why?
12. Does Facebook need a "Dislike" button? What would be the immediate and long-term effects of this feature?
13. How can we better protect ourselves in our online environments?
14. How do you define the term “perfection” in contrast to how it is portrayed in our pop culture media?
15. What are the benefits and consequences of questioning/challenging authority?
16. How can we best express ourselves even when we don’t know another’s language?
17. What is “art” and why do individual cultures place so much value on its continuing evolution?
18. How is our perception of good and evil shaped by our films, books, and video games?
19. Why is it crucial to consider the effects of our words and actions on other people?
20. Why is it necessary for long-term health and wellness to achieve balance in our lives, and how can we achieve it?
21. Are there universal characteristics of belief systems that are common across all cultures? What are they and how can they bring us together?

**Discussion Topic Responses**

Ensure you clearly mark which questions you are answering.