The Purpose of Research Assignment

*In this topic students explore the purpose of research in various contexts, and develop an understanding of the role of research in our lives. There is an 800 word maximum.*

[**Link to video**](https://educ.sifnt.net.au/haiku/page.php?c=57&p=287)

**Questions:**

1. Watch the video*Research Project in the SACE*that is on the ‘purpose of research’ tab of the Haiku page.  
   Then from what the video says, explain why you think the State Government instituted the RP subject in Year 12. (*about 150 words*)
2. How could research be useful to you personally (*about 150 words*)?

* the nature of research that is conducted by individuals in relation to aspects of their own lives (e.g. buying a car, documenting their family history, researching what is needed to make something, or achieving a goal).
* As a student.

1. How is research used in 2 areas of the ‘real world’?   
   There is a list of examples below, but you can also think of your own examples (*about 200 words*)

* societies use research to chart their futures
* large-scale research in society is conducted (e.g. the census)
* market research is conducted
* research is conducted for political purposes
* social media can be used to gather research data for specific purposes
* research is undertaken across cultures and nations
* practice-based research is undertaken
* research is undertaken by international organisations (e.g. the United Nations) and the scope of this research
* observational research is undertaken
* large-scale research is often conducted by cross-disciplinary teams
* the nature of research that looks into improving people’s health and well-being
* the different approaches to research into climate change
* the use of global positioning systems to collect data for a variety of purposes

1. Consider your answer to question 1 about the **reasons** why the Research Project was made into a subject. Compare and contrast those **reasons** with **the reasons for** this ‘real world’ research from your 2 areas in question 3 (*about 150 words*).
2. Real world research can have world changing effects like curing cancer or putting a human on mars. Compare and contrast the value of the results of the research for a Year 12 RP project and **the value of** one example of ‘real world’ research (*about 150 words*).

**Performance Standard at A Level:**

***Knowledge and Understanding***

*KU1 Comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the purpose of research.*