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.*

**Questions:**

1. Why did the State Government institute the RP subject in Year 12 (*about 150 words*)?

* SACE website FAQ Students and Families Why the Research Project? and the first video available (it is under the heading **Research Project in the SACE** a bit further down the page and is Dr Neil McGoran speaking on the value and importance of RP)

1. 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’ (*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. Compare and contrast the reasons for RP with the reasons for this ‘real world’ research from your 2 areas (*about 150 words*).
2. 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.*