

# KRAZY KAREERS!

What does Kate's nursing pathway have in common with Nathan's graphic design pathway? Absolutely nothing! LOL. Oh, we are so crazy at *Smart Start* that we sometimes just throw stuff out there. There's nothing even particularly crazy about these careers. Again – LOL! You should see our cutlery draw – no dividers, just a big pile of knives and forks and spoons smashing into each other – that's **KRAZY with a 'K'!**

## Designing with Nathan

### Nathan's 24 – old enough to tell his story in his own words ...

*I've always loved drawing. As a kid I used to doodle all the time. It didn't matter where I was, I always found something to draw.*

*Sometimes I have so many images in my head that I feel like my head's going to explode. When I'm working on a new project I often see things in dreams before I see them come to reality. I'm a very visual person. I think in pictures and it's like words and ideas appear as colours and shapes in my mind rather than as words or concepts which is the way other people might see them or think about them.*

*I've also always been good with my hands. I used to work as a pizza cook and I loved working with the dough just like the way kids make sculptures with Playdough – the way you layer the different ingredients to make the pizza look appetizing as well as the flavours and textures; it's a very creative thing. People said my pizzas were works of art (ha ha).*

*When I was in high school I did well in design and technology subjects and somebody told me there were scholarships being offered to study a diploma of design at Raffles (then KvB). I applied and was granted a scholarship so I started to study graphic design, at the same time working six nights a week at the pizzeria. It was hard work but it paid off in the end.*

*After my studies I started my own small business doing freelance graphic design work, at the same time managing a new pizza business. The freelance work gave me an opportunity to practise my new skills. It was exciting working on new projects such as branding, packaging, corporate ID, liaising with printers and so on.*

*I was getting more and more graphic design work but as a young freelancer I felt a bit isolated so I decided to leave the pizza business and move into design work full-time. I wanted to be part of a creative team so when I saw the ad for graphic designer at Raffles it was the perfect opportunity for me.*

*Being a graduate of Raffles I can see things from a student's point of view. I know what the students are looking for in a design college. It's my dream job!*



## Nursing with Kate

Mater Dai College student Kate Johnson has joined thirteen other senior high school students from a variety of schools to start their careers in nursing early.

Spending one day a week over 30 weeks at West Coast TAFE in Joondalup, Kate will have completed one semester of a diploma of enrolled nursing by the end of her Year 12 and a further one year conversion program will fully qualify her as an enrolled nurse before she's turned 18!

"Spending one day a week at West Coast TAFE is giving me a greater sense of direction and making my study and work aspirations happen faster and become real," says Kate.

Kate is excited at the prospect of spending three weeks of the course at an aged care facility, a practical component of the course that will give students the opportunity to communicate with patients and observe how qualified nurses deal with certain situations.



Kate, is that guy, like, OK? He looks terrible

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