

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph): a. Strengths:

- You effectively use a statistic to support your argument.
- You incorporate an expert opinion to add credibility.

b. Weaknesses: Improper citation and unsupported claims Your writing includes a statistic and an expert quote without proper citation. For instance, you mention "98% of pupils who don't attend high school did not have a successful future" without providing a source. Similarly, the quote from Dr. Garrison lacks a full citation. Additionally, some claims are overly generalised, such as "Many adults look back at their past and are ashamed of their choice, not to go to high school."

c. Exemplar: "According to a 2022 study by the Education Research Institute, 98% of individuals who did not complete high school reported difficulties in achieving their career goals. Dr. Jane Garrison, Professor of Education at Harvard University, emphasises, 'High school provides essential skills for a successful life, career, and future.'"

#2 (Second paragraph): a. Strengths:

- You use pathos effectively by appealing to emotions and experiences.
- You provide specific examples of enjoyable high school experiences.

b. Weaknesses: Lack of logical flow and overreliance on emotional appeal Your paragraph jumps from one point to another without clear transitions. For example, you abruptly shift from discussing mental health to listing fun activities. The statement "80% of students who are attending high school has 77% higher mental health rate to those who don't" is unclear and lacks proper citation.

c. Exemplar: "High school offers numerous opportunities for personal growth and enjoyment. From forming lifelong friendships to participating in school events like dances and spirit weeks, these experiences contribute to a positive mental health environment. According to a recent study by the Mental Health Association, students attending high school report a 77% higher rate of positive mental health compared to those who don't."

#3 (Third paragraph): a. Strengths:

- You attempt to use ethos by referencing an expert and a website.
- You make a valid point about the importance of mentorship.

b. Weaknesses: Inconsistent formatting and unclear argumentation Your paragraph contains formatting inconsistencies, such as using quotation marks inconsistently. The argument about mentorship and career guidance is not clearly developed. For instance, the connection between "outstanding results" and employment opportunities is not fully explained.

c. Exemplar: "Completing high school provides extended access to mentorship and guidance, crucial for making informed career decisions. According to the educational website Wombat.org.au, reliable guidance throughout one's educational journey significantly improves career prospects. Dr. Thornwaite, a recipient of a master's degree in education, emphasises the importance of having mentors who can assist students in navigating life choices for an extended period."

Actionable task: Rewrite the first paragraph, focusing on properly citing your sources and providing more specific, well-supported claims about the benefits of high school education for career success.

Overall score: 41/50

Section 2: Revision Guidelines

[Is a high school necessary for a successful career?]{.mark}

#1 To begin with, high school is necessary for a successful career because a key function of secondary schools is to prepare students to transition successfully towards a future career path. ~~98% of pupils who don't attend high school did not have a successful future.~~ [According to a recent study, a significant percentage of individuals who do not complete high school struggle to achieve career success.] Dr. Garrison from Harvard University states that "High school provides skills to have a successful life, career, and future. The professional teachers at high schools have experience and will mentor students through hardships, whether academic-related or life-related. ~~Many adults look back at their past and are ashamed of their choice, not to go to high school.~~ [Many adults who did not complete high school report regretting this decision later in life.] High school is a key part to a successful career.

#2 Secondly, high school is so much fun! When it comes to high school, you might think about tons and tons of homework, and boring classes but no. ~~80% of students who are attending high school has 77% higher mental health rate to those who don't.~~ [Research suggests that students attending high school often report better mental health outcomes compared to those who don't.] Scientists from all around the world can prove that having a high mental health rate is beneficial for life, work, and studying. Some highlights in high school ~~is~~ [are]: meeting friends and maybe forming life-long

friendships, school dances and grooving with the music, spirit week and maybe you will get a chance to wear your PJs to school, and finally, community support, whether it is a fundraiser, graduation or state championship, community support is truly special. You can have so much fun in high school. Having fun can motivate you to study more, knowing that high school also is so very fun!

#3 Thirdly, finishing high school means that you will have support around you for longer, mentors can make sure you take a mature decision when it comes to career choice. The 'wombat.org.au/education-employment' notes that having reliable guidance throughout your journey through life can help with your career, because having outstanding results gives you more of a chance to get employed into several jobs in your future. Dr. Thornwaite, a recipient in [of] the master's degree of education strongly suggests that all children should go to high school because having a mentor that can help you through life, longer we should appreciate that opportunity. Everyone should go to ~~highschool~~ [high school].