

YEAR 12 DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY  
**MAJOR PROJECT**

# *Designer Statement*

## **NAME**

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## **TITLE**

Rooms for  
Alzheimer's  
Patients

## **AREA OF DESIGN**

Interior Design

The amount of people with dementia is increasing and causing the economy and each individual a lot of money. Those living with this debilitating disease are beginning to lose contact with loved ones and the ability to move and complete day-to-day tasks on their own. My project is to design and produce an Alzheimer's room within a greater aged care facility for those suffering from severe memory loss, this will allow families and patients to connect with one another regaining past memories. This will not only benefit them mentally but physically as it will advance their ability to mobilise and do day to day chores.

When designing and creating these rooms they need to be age-appropriate and safe for the older generation, this means reducing sharp edges and small walkways. I will also need to keep everything accessible and nothing complex to understand and use. The wallpapers and decorations have to be of bright and happy colours as they can't trigger sad or depressing memories. Negative thoughts and anger can have bad effects on a patient's health and condition.