

# what you do today

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## HOW DOES THE SUBURB NEWS YOUTH TEAM SEE THE FUTURE?

### Hopes for the future: Space travel

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With the population of our planet growing ever so fast and our resources diminishing by the second, mankind has been looking towards a way to solve this issue so that future generations can live in peace and harmony. One option, in new and mostly uncharted territory is space travel and moving some of the human population onto planets in our own solar system such as Mars.

Over the years, space travel has become more safe and accessible with many successful missions like in 1969, when Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were the first men to walk on the moon. And with the International Space Station which orbits our planet continuously which can allow humans to reside there for long periods of time (even years!), the idea of moving to Mars seems to become more and more plausible.

Though any person is yet to visit the red planet, there have been multiple rovers and satellites sent out to explore the planet which has evidence of water and may even contain some life forms that are still unknown. It is approximately half the size of earth and has two moons and has seasons and landscapes just like Earth. Out of all the planets in our solar system, it seems to be the one most likely to be habitable.

With private space exploration companies like Elon Musk's SpaceX, moving to Mars seems as if it is something that will happen in our lifetimes, and maybe one day be a possibility for us all. The company plans to send cargo out to Mars in a rocket for the very first time next year and then a space crew in 2024. The first priority is to remove any potential hazards and put in place measures to sustain life such as water availability.

If all goes well, then our future homes could be in Space, as maybe a home in space could be organised to cost around the same as a house on Earth. There would be an abundant supply of new jobs needed to maintain life on the planet.

The hope is that over a period of time, a self-sufficient civilisation can be created on Mars and maybe this can take the pressure off our planet under its strains of global warming and overpopulation.

Would you ever consider a move to Mars?

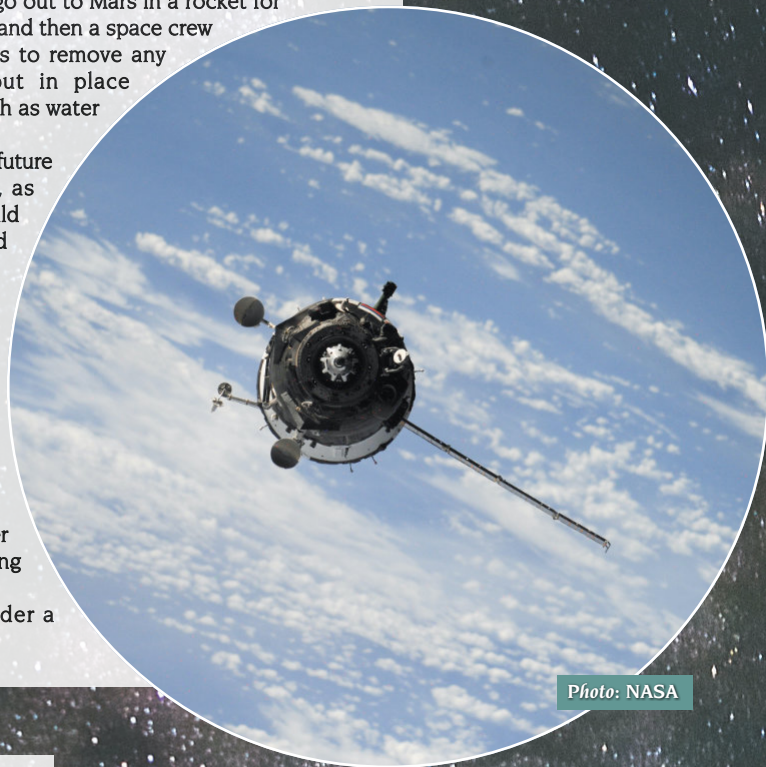


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### Plans for the future



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*When people ask my plans for the future,  
I never know what to say,  
My eyes go wide, I shift to the side,  
"Perhaps a job that pays?"*

*My friends don't seem to feel the same,  
"A lawyer." "A dentist?" "A vet!"  
But all that I seem to know  
Is that I wouldn't like a pet.*

*Like all wide-eyed, undecided youths,  
I intend to explore the world,  
Learn to say 'Pizza' in an Italian accent,  
Live in Paris, New York or Seoul.*

*"I could meet someone there"  
I like to imagine, "Who owns an investment bank",  
Then I can dither hither and thither  
Without having to decide my fate.*

*But for all my musings and appealing illusions,  
A part of me knows deep down,  
That I must be the only one  
Who, to my destiny, bounds.*

*Sometimes I ponder what it means  
To call oneself successful,  
Teaching makes a tangible difference,  
But there are those who ask "Is that all?"*

*As I hit 17 I do believe,  
I'm beginning to find that answer,  
It is not, after all, so concrete  
As any one career I must master.*

*Now I may smile, my eyes catch fire,  
When I announce my plans hereafter,  
Internal peace is what I seek,  
Inner confidence, and laughter.*

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