

PBL/Design Project unit:

Teacher/s:

Class/es: Starting date: Duration:
Lesson length: Lesson frequency:

Unit description

Key Inquiry Question/s

Problem Statement

Driving Question

GENERAL CAPABILITIES

CCT ICT Personal & Social Ethical Understanding Intercultural Understanding Literacy Numeracy

LEARNING AREAS

English Mathematics Science Technologies HASS The Arts Health & PE Languages

CROSS CURRICULUM PRIORITIES

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia Sustainability

DESIGN THINKER'S 'MODUS OPERANDI'

1. Fact-finding

- Explore and investigate technologies and materials
- Collect and interpret data
- Identify design needs and opportunities

2. Generating Ideas

- Imagine, communicate and record design ideas

3. Judging Ideas

- Analyse and evaluate design ideas

4. Planning








- Design courses of action
- Document project plans
- Monitor projects









5. Producing






- Test and implement designed solutions





6. Reflecting







- Reflect on design processes
- Evaluate designed solutions
- Reflect on learning







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<p>Aspiration + Inspiration = Motivation</p> <p><i>Aspirational!</i></p> <p>Students will identify any aspirations (interests, passions, personal goals) that they might have that can be factored into the project.</p> <p>ENTRY EVENT</p> <p><i>Inspirational!</i></p> <p>Students will have an experience that will draw their attention to the topic, issue or problem - one that will engage them emotionally and inspire them to want to explore the topic more or pursue a solution to a problem?</p> <p>Students will view a 'design hero' at work solving a problem that affects people or the environment.</p>	<p> <i>Describes and reflects on personal strengths.</i></p> <p> <i>Identifies their abilities, talents and interests as learners.</i></p> <p> <i>Poses exploratory questions based on personal interests and experiences.</i></p> <p> <i>Describes the influence that people, situations and events have on their emotions.</i></p>	<p> <i>Defines needs, opportunities or problems.</i></p> <p> <i>Describes contributions of people in design and technologies occupations.</i></p> <p> <i>Describes how design and technologies contribute to meeting present and future needs.</i></p>	<p>Complete MIPAC worksheet, relating your answers to the theme / topic / problem / content.</p> <p>Create your own version of a 'Wonder Wheel', relating your questions to the theme / topic / problem / content.</p> <p>Whole class discussion</p> <p>What feelings and thoughts are you having after experiencing this Entry Event?</p> <p>How are/were people, places or things harmed or disadvantaged by the original problem?</p> <p>What do you think were some of the causes of the problem?</p> <p>How do you think the designer went about solving the problem? Why do you think she/he made the choices they made?</p> <p>What are some of the ways that the designer / problem solver has made the world a better place for the present and into the future?</p>	<p>'MIPAC' BLM from the <i>Minds Wide Open Blackline Masters Book</i></p> <p>Example: 'Wonder Wheel' BLM from the <i>Minds Wide Open Blackline Masters Book</i></p> <p>Video, book, guest speaker, guest demonstrator, incursion, excursion ...</p>	





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<p>FACT FINDING <i>Investigate.</i> <i>Get all the facts</i></p> <p>The students will identify the problem to be solved and/or define the purpose of their product, service or environment.</p> <p>The students will gather viewpoints and perspectives of others (eg those affected by the problem, or the end-users of their future product).</p> <p>The students will research the topic to fill in gaps in their knowledge.</p> <p>The students will identify any new skills they will need to learn in order to complete the project.</p>	<p> <i>Poses exploratory questions based on personal interests and experiences.</i></p> <p> <i>Discusses the value of diverse perspectives and describes a point of view that is different from their own.</i></p> <p> <i>Manages and maintains digital data using common methods.</i></p> <p> <i>Contributes to groups and teams, suggesting improvements in methods used for group investigations.</i></p> <p> <i>Describes personal strengths and challenges and identifies skills they wish to develop.</i></p>	<p> <i>Identifies needs, opportunities or problems and describes them.</i></p> <p> <i>Collects, manipulates and interprets data from a range of sources to support decisions.</i></p> <p> <i>Identifies needs, opportunities or problems and describes them.</i></p>	<p>View: The Coloured Thinking Caps tutorial by Sofia – Black & White Thinking Cap</p> <p>Whole class discussion (teacher-directed): Answer questions from the Black & White Thinking Cap poster.</p> <p>Warm-up activity. CCT Crunches – <i>FOO Fight</i> or <i>Posing the Question</i> or <i>What’s the Problem?</i></p> <p>Small group discussion (student-directed): Answer the Black & White Thinking Cap questions in your <i>Thinking Journal</i>. (Students refer to the <i>Black & White Thinking Cap</i> page in their thinking journal. Answering the questions in the journal will help ‘steer’ them through this phase of the design thinking / problem solving process.)</p> <p>Draft, edit and finalise the ‘Problem Statement’ and ‘Driving Question’. Consider if your solution will likely be a PRODUCT, SERVICE or ENVIRONMENT</p>	<p><i>Minds Wide Open Teacher’s Toolbox</i></p> <p>http://cct.education/</p> <p>http://cct.education/cct-crunches-5-6/</p> <p>Thinking Journal B&W BLM page from <i>Minds Wide Open Blackline Masters Book</i></p> <p>BLM pages from <i>Minds Wide Open Blackline Masters Book</i></p>	

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<p>IDEATION <i>Generate ideas</i></p> <p>The students will generate a minimum of seven ideas for their potential product/solution.</p> <p>The students won't judge their ideas until the next session.</p>	<p> <i>Explores situations using creative thinking strategies to propose a range of alternatives.</i></p> <p> <i>Expands on known ideas to create new and imaginative combinations.</i></p> <p> <i>Uses class discussions as learning tools to explore ideas.</i></p>	<p> <i>Records design ideas using techniques including labelled drawings.</i></p> <p> <i>Generates design ideas for specified audiences using graphical and non-graphical representation techniques.</i></p>	<p>View: The Coloured Thinking Caps tutorial by Sofia – Rainbow Cap</p> <p>Warm-up activity. CCT Crunches - <i>Alternative Uses</i> or <i>Sketch Your Imagination</i> or <i>Raising the Bar</i>.</p> <p>Whole class discussion (teacher-directed): Consider questions from the Rainbow Thinking Cap poster.</p> <p>Small group discussion (student-directed): Answer the Rainbow Cap questions in your <i>Thinking Journal</i>. (Students refer to the <i>Rainbow Thinking Cap</i> page in their thinking journal. Answering the questions in the journal will help 'steer' them through this phase of the design thinking / problem solving process.)</p>	<p>Minds Wide Open Teacher's Toolbox</p> <p>http://cct.education/</p> <p>http://cct.education/cct-crunches-5-6/</p> <p>Thinking Journal Rainbow Thinking BLM page from <i>Minds Wide Open Blackline Masters Book</i></p>	

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<p>JUDGING IDEAS <i>Select your best idea</i></p> <p>The students will select their best idea, reject their worst ideas, and give reasons to justify their choices.</p>	<p> <i>Contributes to and predicts the consequences of group decisions in a range of situations.</i></p> <p> <i>Predicts possible outcomes when putting ideas into action.</i></p>	<p> <i>Evaluates their ideas on the basis of personal preferences and care for the environment.</i></p> <p> <i>Explains how their products are designed to best meet needs of communities and their environments.</i></p>	<p>View: The Coloured Thinking Caps tutorial by Sofia – Red & Green Cap</p> <p>Whole class discussion (teacher-directed): Answer questions from the Red & Green Thinking Cap poster.</p> <p>Warm-up activity. CCT Crunches – <i>The Ads vs The Bads</i> or <i>Scissors Paper Think</i></p> <p>Small group discussion (student-directed): Answer the Red & Green Thinking Cap questions in your <i>Thinking Journal</i>. (Students refer to the <i>Green & Red Thinking Cap</i> page in their thinking journal. Answering the questions in the journal will help ‘steer’ them through this phase of the design thinking / problem solving process.)</p>	<p>Minds Wide Open Teacher’s Toolbox</p> <p>http://cct.education/</p> <p>http://cct.education/cct-crunches-5-6/</p> <p>Thinking Journal Green & Red BLM page from <i>Minds Wide Open Blackline Masters Book</i></p>	

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<p>PLANNING <i>Design a course of action</i></p> <p>The students will describe the process they will follow to produce their product or implement their solution.</p> <p>The students will compose a detailed procedural text or create an Action Plan.</p>	<p> <i>Devises strategies and formulates plans to assist in the completion of challenging tasks.</i></p> <p> <i>Outlines the details and sequence in a whole task and separates it into workable parts.</i></p> <p> <i>Identifies the value and role of ICT use at home and school.</i></p>	<p> <i>Designs solutions to simple problems using a sequence of steps and decisions.</i></p> <p> <i>Records design ideas using techniques including labelled drawings, lists and sequenced instructions.</i></p> <p> <i>Selects the technologies needed to realise designed solutions.</i></p>	<p>View: The Coloured Thinking Caps tutorial by Sofia – Pink Cap</p> <p>Whole class discussion (teacher-directed): Answer questions from the Pink Thinking Cap poster.</p> <p>Warm-up activity. CCT Crunches - <i>Mother of Invention</i> or <i>Posing the Question</i>.</p> <p>Small group discussions and activities (student-directed): Answer the Pink Cap questions in your <i>Design Thinking Journal</i>. (Students refer to the <i>Pink Thinking Cap</i> page in their thinking journal. Answering the questions in the journal will help ‘steer’ them through this phase of the design thinking / problem solving process.)</p>	<p>Minds Wide Open Teacher’s Toolbox</p> <p>http://cct.education/</p> <p>http://cct.education/cct-crunches-5-6/</p> <p>Thinking Journal Pink Cap BLM page from <i>Minds Wide Open Blackline Masters Book</i></p>	

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<p>PRODUCING <i>Put your idea into action</i></p> <p>The students will create a prototype or compose a draft.</p> <p>The students will test their prototype and make improvements.</p> <p>The students will plan how they will promote, pitch or present their product/ solution.</p> <p>EXIT EVENT The students will exhibit, launch or pitch their product / solution.</p>	<p> <i>Contributes to groups and teams, suggesting improvements in methods used for group projects.</i></p> <p> <i>Experiments with a range of options when putting ideas into action.</i></p> <p> <i>Persists with tasks when faced with challenges and adapts their approach where first attempts are not successful.</i></p> <p> <i>Delivers presentations incorporating appropriate visual and multimodal elements.</i></p>	<p> <i>Follows sequenced steps and demonstrates safe use of materials, tools and equipment when producing designed solutions.</i></p> <p> <i>Tests and modifies solutions to meet intended purposes.</i></p>	<p>View: The Coloured Thinking Caps tutorial by Sofia – Purple Cap</p> <p>Whole class discussion (teacher-directed): Answer questions from the Purple Thinking Cap poster.</p> <p>Warm-up activity. CCT Crunches - <i>Mother of Invention</i> or <i>Raising the BAR</i></p> <p>Small group discussions and activities (student-directed): Answer the Purple Cap questions in your <i>Thinking Journal</i>. (Students refer to the <i>Purple Thinking Cap</i> page in their thinking journal. Answering the questions in the journal will help 'steer' them through this phase of the design thinking / problem solving process.)</p> <p>Students test prototype/draft using the 'Product Testing: Gathering Perspectives' BLM.</p>	<p>Minds Wide Open Teacher's Toolbox</p> <p>http://cct.education/</p> <p>http://cct.education/cct-crunches-5-6/</p> <p>Thinking Journal Purple Cap BLM page from <i>Minds Wide Open Blackline Masters Book</i></p> <p>BLM page from <i>Minds Wide Open Blackline Masters Book</i></p>	

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<p>REFLECTING <i>Think about what you've learned and achieved</i></p> <p>The students will evaluate their product/solution.</p> <p>The students will reflect on the processes they used by identifying successes and failures.</p> <p>The students will seek out, and think about, feedback from others (including reflecting on their teacher's feedback and assessment).</p> <p>The students will articulate what they have learned from participating in this project.</p>	<p> <i>Evaluates whether they have accomplished what they set out to achieve.</i></p> <p> <i>Seeks and responds to feedback from teachers to assist them in consolidating strengths, addressing weaknesses and fulfilling their potential.</i></p> <p> <i>Reflects on personal strengths and achievements, based on self-assessment strategies and teacher feedback.</i></p>	<p> <i>Uses identified criteria for success, including sustainability considerations, to judge the suitability of their solutions and processes.</i></p>	<p>View: The Coloured Thinking Caps tutorial by Sofia – Orange Cap</p> <p>Warm-up activity. CCT Crunches - <i>That's Good That's Bad</i> or <i>Quote Unquote</i> or <i>The Ads vs The Bads</i></p> <p>Whole class discussion (teacher-directed): Answer questions from the Orange Thinking Cap poster</p> <p>Small group discussion (student-directed): Answer the questions from the Orange Cap page in your <i>Thinking Journal</i>. (Students refer to the <i>Orange Thinking Cap</i> page in their thinking journal. Answering the questions in the journal will help 'steer' them through this phase of the design thinking / problem solving process.)</p>	<p>Minds Wide Open Teacher's Toolbox</p> <p>http://cct.education/cct-crunches-5-6/</p> <p>http://cct.education/</p> <p>Thinking Journal Orange Cap BLM page from <i>Minds Wide Open Blackline Masters Book</i></p>	

EVALUATION OF UNIT

To what extent did the students take 'ownership' of their work/project? (Who did the majority of the decision making: students/parents or the teacher?)

To what extent were learning goals observable/observed in the learning activities, design processes and students' solutions?

Identify which learning activities require modification to be more effective in the future.

Recommendations for future teaching/learning?