



'Preparing our students for the future, one STEM project at a time'.

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DISCUSS THIS PICTURE FOR 30 SECONDS

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"Change is an opportunity to do something amazing"

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It doesn't matter how many resources you have.



If you don't know how to use them, it will never be enough.



"We rarely create something different until we experience something different."

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Future Focused Learning





"While everyone looks at how we could help young people become better problem-solvers, we're not thinking how we could create a generation of problem finders."



What are the future focused learning principles?

Collaboration

Communication

Critical Thinking

Creativity

The Big QUESTIONS are

- DO WE KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN?
- DO WE KNOW WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE?
- HOW DO WE TEACH THESE?

Project Based Learning using 21st Century Learning* Design Rubric

* The only time I will say 21st Century Learning

Think of a unit that you may have just completed or working on now when I am discussing this rubric

Collaboration

Are students required to share responsibility and make substantive decisions with other people? Is their work interdependent?

Collaboration: Rubric

In this learning activity,

1	Students are NOT required to work together in pairs or groups.
2	 Students DO work together BUT they DO NOT have shared responsibility.
3	 Students DO have shared responsibility BUT they ARE NOT required to make substantive decisions together.
4	 Students DO have shared responsibility AND they DO make substantive decisions together about the content, process, or product of their work BUT their work is not interdependent.

- Students DO have shared responsibility
 - AND they DO make substantive decisions together about the content, process, or product of their work
 - AND their work is interdependent.



Knowledge Construction

Are students required to construct and apply knowledge?

Is that knowledge interdisciplinary?

Knowledge Construction: Rubric

- The learning activity does NOT require students to construct knowledge.
 Students can complete the activity by reproducing information or by using familiar procedures.
- The learning activity DOES REQUIRE students to construct knowledge by interpreting, analysing, synthesizing, or evaluating information or ideas
 - BUT the activity's main requirement is NOT knowledge construction.
 - The learning activity's main requirement IS knowledge construction
 - BUT the learning activity does NOT require students to apply their knowledge in a new context.
 - The learning activity's main requirement IS knowledge construction
 - AND the learning activity DOES require students to apply their knowledge in a new context
 - BUT the learning activity does NOT have learning goals in more than one subject.
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- The learning activity's main requirement IS knowledge construction
- AND the learning activity DOES require students to apply their knowledge in a new context
- AND the knowledge construction IS interdisciplinary. The activity DOES have learning goals in more than one subject.

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Real World Problem-Solving and Innovation

Does the learning activity require solving authentic, real-world problems? Are students' solutions implemented in the real world? **Problem-solving** involves a task with a defined challenge for the student.

Real-world problems are authentic situations and needs that exist outside an academic context.

Innovation requires putting students' ideas or solutions into practice in the real world.

Real-World Problem-Solving and Innovation: Rubric

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- The learning activity's main requirement IS NOT problem-solving.
 Students use a previously learned answer or procedure for most of the work.
- The learning activity's main requirement IS problem-solving
 - BUT the problem IS NOT a real-world problem.
- The learning activity's main requirement IS problem-solving
 - AND the problem IS a real-world problem
 - BUT students DO NOT innovate. They are NOT required to implement their ideas in the real world, or to communicate their ideas to someone outside the academic context who can implement them.
- The learning activity's main requirement IS problem-solving
 - AND the problem IS a real-world problem
 - AND students DO innovate. They ARE required to implement their ideas in the real world, or to communicate their ideas to someone outside the academic context who can implement them.

"Innovation (and enjoyment) flourishes when teachers collaborate to learn and practice new strategies. Isolation is often the enemy of innovation."

Use of ICT for Learning

Are students passive consumers of ICT, active users, or designers of an ICT product for an authentic audience?

Use of ICT for Learning: Rubric

- Students do not have the opportunity to use ICT for this learning activity.
- Students use ICT to learn or practice basic skills or reproduce information. They are not constructing knowledge.
- Students use ICT to support knowledge construction
 - BUT they could construct the same knowledge without using ICT.
- Students use ICT to support knowledge construction
 - AND the ICT is required for constructing this knowledge
 - BUT students do NOT create an ICT product for authentic users.
 - Students use ICT to support knowledge construction

- AND the ICT is required for constructing this knowledge
- AND students do create an ICT product for authentic users.



ENHANCEMENT

TRANSFORMATION



Self-Regulation

Is the learning activity long-term? Do students plan and assess their own work, and revise their work based on feedback?

Self Regulation: Coding Rubric

- Pre-requisites for self-regulation are NOT in place:
 - The learning activity is NOT long-term
 - OR students do NOT have both learning goals and associated success criteria in advance of completing their work.
- The learning activity IS long-term

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- AND students DO have learning goals and associated success criteria in advance of completing their work
- BUT students DO NOT have the opportunity to plan their own work.
- The learning activity IS long-term
 - AND students DO have learning goals and associated success criteria in advance of completing their work
 - AND students DO have the opportunity to plan their own work
 - BUT students do NOT have the opportunity to revise their work based on feedback.
- The learning activity IS long-term
 - AND students DO have learning goals and associated success criteria in advance of completing their work
 - AND students DO have the opportunity to plan their own work
 - AND students DO have the opportunity to revise their work based on feedback.

Skilled Communication

Are students required to communicate their own ideas regarding a concept or issue? Must their communication be supported with evidence and designed with a particular audience in mind?

Skilled Communication: Rubric

- Students are NOT required to produce extended or multi-modal communication.
- Students ARE required to produce extended communication or multi-modal communication
 - BUT they are NOT required to provide supporting evidence OR design their work for a particular audience.
 - Students ARE required to produce extended communication or multi-modal communication
 - AND they ARE required to provide supporting evidence: they must explain their ideas or support a thesis with facts or examples OR
 - They ARE required to design their communication for a particular audience

BUT not both.

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- Students ARE required to produce extended communication or multi-modal communication
 - AND they ARE required to provide supporting evidence
 - AND they ARE required to design their communication for a particular audience.



"In our world today, what is a student more likely going to need to be able to write: an essay or a blog post?"

STEM vs STEAM



STEM

According to Ge, Ifenthaler, and Spector, (2016) STEM is defined as "academic and professional disciplines associated with science, technology, engineering and mathematics; typically conceived of separately, with sub-disciplines, although new pedagogical approaches encourage cross-disciplinary learning in areas" (p.5).

STEM is an interdisciplinary approach to teaching

Interdisciplinary

relating to more than one branch of knowledge.

Therefore, for STEM to be truly effective in the classroom you MUST integrate two or more areas in STEM into your lesson/unit









Picture Book STEM



Activity time – 5 minute challenge

THE BOOK OF THE YEAR: EARLY CHILDHOOD

Entries in this category may be fiction, drama or poetry and should be appropriate in style and content for children who are at pre-reading or early stages of reading, Ages 0-7 years



RODNEY LOSES IT! Bauer, Michael Gerard illust: Krebs, Chrissie Omnibus Books ISBN-9781742991900



BOY Cummings, Phil illust. DeVries, Shane Scholastic Australia ISBN: 9781760277055



I'M AUSTRALIAN TOO Fox, Mem illust. Ghosh, Ronojoy Omnibus Books SBN: 9781760276218





THE SECOND SKY

Guest, Patrick illust. Bentley, Jonathan

ISBN: 9781760127985



Little Hare



Lester, Alison Affirm Press SBN: 9781925475616



HARK, IT'S ME. RUBY LEE! Shanahan, Lisa illust. Binny

Hachette Australia ISBN: 9780734416551



THE PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR

Entries in this category should be outstanding books of the Picture Book genre in which the author and illustrator achieve artistic and literary unity or, in wordless picture books, where the story, theme or concept is unified through illustrations. Ages 0-18 years (NB. Some of these books may be for mature readers).

Note: Picture Books are listed by the illustrator, followed by the author



TEN POUND POM

Anelli, Liz text. Wilkinson, Carole Walker Books Australia ISBN: 9781925381214



Tartie Williams & Lin Ands



THE GREAT RABBIT CHASE Blackwood, Freya Scholastic Australia ISBN: 9781743811641







A WALK IN THE BUSH Perkins, Gwyn Affirm Press ISBN: 9781925475531



SWAN LAKE

Spudvilas, Anne Allen & Unwin ISBN: 9781743318454



FLORETTE Walker, Anna Penguin Random House Australia ISBN: 9780670079414





"Any time teachers think differently about who they teach and how they teach, they can create better learning opportunities. Questioning what we do and why we do it is essential for innovation."









INNOVATION IS A STATE OF MIND