

Genius Hour in 5/6 Team!

What is Genius Hour?

Genius Hour is time set aside in class for students to study their passion, or investigate a new area of interest.

Why is Genius Hour important?

Students take ownership of their own learning. They learn about something they want to learn about. Genius Hour sparks curiosity, and students have an opportunity to become their own Genius. Genius Hour encourages life-long learning, imagination, perseverance, self-awareness, adaptability, as well as other life-lessons.

How will Genius Hour work in our classroom?

Students will participate in Genius Hour every Friday from 9-10am. We have had a class discussion to brainstorm appropriate Genius Hour Projects and students have been asked to fine tune their ideas as part of this week's homework. Projects require teacher approval.

Students will be given time in class to work on the project with the teacher serving as a Facilitator. The Facilitator will provide research materials (ie. books, computer, iPads, etc.) for students to explore. As an end project, students must present their topic to an audience. The Genius Hour Projects will run from mid-term 1 until mid-term 2. Upon completion of the projects we will have an Exhibition to share our projects with family and friends (date to be decided).

How does Genius Hour fit with the Australian Curriculum?

The implementation of Genius Hour will support a student's development and learning across of range of curriculum standards such as:

- Interpersonal learning (eg – goal setting and effective time management)
- Design, Creativity and Technology
- Literacy (eg - research skills including referencing information sources)
- ICT

Depending on student's chosen Genius Hour project, it could also support student development and learning in the areas of Mathematics, History, Science, Health and PE, The Arts, Economics or Geography.

Please speak with your child about a possible topic for their Genius Hour Project this coming week.

If you are able to help us facilitate a Genius Hour session (one, two or more!) please speak to us to arrange a time. We would love to have you join us!

Amy and Carolyn

P.S: Photos of previous Genius Hour projects can be found on our class blog if you click on the 'Genius Hour' tag on the right hand side of the blog (scroll down to find the 'Tag' section).

