Australian Curriculum Links

Wind Tubes is an open-ended play activity for children of all ages. There are opportunities for it to form the basis of inquiry in several Primary and Middle School subjects. Wind Tubes initially engages students with surprise and curiosity and then leads into creative thinking, design, and working with the properties of a range of materials. The curriculum links identified below – in **Technology**, **Visual Art**, **Science** and **Critical and Creative Thinking** – are, for the most part, inherent in the process of creating and testing a flying object with little or no direction. Some learning outcomes need to be drawn out through formative questioning by a teacher or facilitator. Many outcome descriptors offer potential for extension activities both in the Children's Gallery and on returning to the classroom. Wind Tubes also has the potential to be used as a starting point for activities across other learning areas such as **English**, **History**, **Dance** and **Music**. It could also link effectively with studies in **Sustainability** (a cross-curriculum priority) in relation to the use of recycled materials and harnessing wind as an energy source.

Year Level	Learning Area: Technology Design and Technologies	Learning Area: The Arts Visual Art	Learning Area: Science	General Capabilities: Critical and Creative Thinking
Foundation to Year 2	Knowledge and understanding Technologies Contexts Engineering principles and systems 2.2 Explore how technologies use forces to create movement in products Materials and technologies specialisations 2.4 Explore the characteristics and properties of materials and components	Developing understanding of practices 2.2 Use and experiment with different materials, techniques, technologies and processes to make artworks Sharing artworks through performance, presentation or display 2.3 Create and display artworks to communicate ideas to an audience	Science as a Human Endeavour Nature and development of science Science involves exploring and observing the world using the senses Science Inquiry Skills Questioning and predicting Respond to questions about familiar objects and events	Inquiring – identifying, exploring and organising information and ideas Pose questions Pose questions to identify and clarify issues, and compare information in their world. Example: asking how and why certain actions and events occurred in the Wind Tubes Identify and clarify information and ideas
	that are used to produce designed solutions Processes and production skills Creating designed solutions by: Investigating 2.5 Explore needs or opportunities for designing and the technologies needed to realise designed solutions		Planning and conducting Explore and make observations by using the senses Communicating Share observations and ideas	Generating ideas, possibilities and actions Imagine possibilities and connect ideas Build on what they know to create ideas and possibilities in ways that are new to them. Example: using the shape of a helicopter or parachute

Foundation to Year 2 continued

Producing

2.7 Use materials, components, tools, equipment and techniques to safely make designed solutions

Evaluating

2.8 Use personal preferences to evaluate the success of design ideas, processes and solutions including their care for environment

Consider alternatives

Identify and compare creative ideas to think broadly about a given situation or problem. **Example:** how to slow down flight of an object in Wind Tube

Seek solutions and put ideas into action Investigate options and predict possible outcomes when putting ideas into action

Reflecting on thinking and processes

Think about thinking (metacognition)

Describe the thinking strategies used in given situations and tasks

Reflect on processes

Transfer knowledge into new contexts

Use information from a previous experience to inform a new idea. **Example:** applying reasons for actions previously given to similar new situations

Analysing, synthesising and evaluating reasoning and procedures

Apply logic and reasoning

Identify reasoning used in choices or actions in specific situations. **Example:** asking what course of action was most logical and why

Draw conclusions and design a course of action

Evaluate procedures and outcomes

Evaluate whether they have accomplished what they set out to achieve

Years 3 and 4	Engineering principles and systems 4.2 Investigate how forces and the properties of materials affect the behaviour of a product or system Materials and technologies specialisations 4.4 Investigate the suitability of materials, components, systems, tools and equipment for a range of purposes Processes and production skills Creating designed solutions by: Investigating 4.5 Critique needs or opportunities for designing and explore and test a variety of materials, components, tools and equipment and the techniques needed to produce designed solutions Producing 4.7 Select and use materials, components, tools and equipment using safe work practices to make designed solutions Evaluating 4.8 Evaluate design ideas, processes and solutions based on criteria for success developed with guidance and including care for the environment	Developing understanding of practices 4.2 Use materials, techniques and processes to explore visual conventions when making artworks Sharing artworks through performance, presentation or display 4.3 Present artworks and describe how they have used visual conventions to represent their ideas	Nature and development of science Science involves asking questions about, and describing changes in, objects and events Science Inquiry Skills Questioning and predicting Respond to and pose questions, and make predictions about familiar objects and events Planning and conducting Participate in different types of guided investigations to explore and answer questions, such as manipulating materials, testing ideas, and accessing information sources Use informal measurements in the collection and recording of observations, Communicating Represent and communicate observations and ideas in a variety of ways such as oral and written language, drawing and role play	Inquiring – identifying, exploring and organising information and ideas Pose questions Identify and clarify information and ideas Generating ideas, possibilities and actions Imagine possibilities and connect ideas Consider alternatives Seek solutions and put ideas into action Reflecting on thinking and processes Think about thinking (metacognition) Reflect on processes Transfer knowledge into new contexts Analysing, synthesising and evaluating reasoning and procedures Apply logic and reasoning Draw conclusions and design a course of action Evaluate procedures and outcomes
Years 5 and 6	Knowledge and understanding Technologies Contexts Engineering principles and systems	Developing understanding of practices 6.2 Develop and apply techniques and processes when making their artworks	Science as a Human Endeavour Nature and development of science Science involves making predictions	Inquiring – identifying, exploring and organising information and ideas Pose questions

6.2 Investigate how forces or electrical and describing patterns and energy can control movement, sound or Sharing artworks through relationships Identify and clarify information and ideas Years 5 and 6 light in a designed product or system performance, presentation or display continued 6.3 Plan the display of artworks to **Science Inquiry Skills** Generating ideas, possibilities and Materials and technologies enhance their meaning for an audience actions specialisations Questioning and predicting With guidance, identify questions in 6.5 Investigate characteristics and Imagine possibilities and connect ideas familiar contexts that can be properties of a range of materials, systems, components, tools and investigated scientifically and predict Consider alternatives equipment and evaluate the impact of what might happen based on prior their use knowledge Seek solutions and put ideas into action Processes and production skills Planning and conducting Reflecting on thinking and processes Creating designed solutions by: Suggest ways to plan and conduct Think about thinking (metacognition) investigations to find answers to Investigating auestions 6.6 Critique needs or opportunities for Safely use appropriate materials, tools Reflect on processes designing and investigate materials, or equipment to make and record components, tools, equipment and observations, using formal Transfer knowledge into new contexts processes to achieve intended designed measurements and digital technologies solutions as appropriate Analysing, synthesising and evaluating reasoning and procedures **Producing** Communicating Represent and communicate ideas and Apply logic and reasoning 6.8 Apply safe procedures when using a variety of materials, components, tools, findings in a variety of ways such as equipment and techniques to make diagrams, physical representations and Draw conclusions and design a course designed solutions simple reports of action Evaluate procedures and outcomes Evaluating 6.9 Negotiate criteria for success that include consideration of sustainability to evaluate design ideas, processes and solutions Knowledge and understanding Manipulating and applying the Science as a Human Endeavour Inquiring - identifying, exploring and Years 7 and 8 **Technologies Contexts** elements/concepts with intent organising information and ideas 8.2 Develop ways to enhance their Nature and development of science Engineering principles and systems intentions as artists through exploration Scientific knowledge changes as new Pose questions 8.3 Analyse how motion, force and of how artists use materials, techniques. evidence becomes available, and some energy, are used to manipulate and technologies and processes scientific discoveries have significantly Identify and clarify information and ideas control electromechanical systems changed people's understanding of the

Years 7 and 8 continued

when designing simple, engineered solutions

Materials and technologies specialisations

8.6 Analyse ways to produce designed solutions through selecting and combining materials, systems, components, tools and equipment

Processes and production skills Creating designed solutions by:

Investigating

8.7 Critique needs or opportunities for designing and investigate, analyse and select from a range of materials, components, tools, equipment and processes to develop design ideas

Producing

8.9 Effectively and safely use a broad range of materials, components, tools, equipment and techniques to make designed solutions

Evaluating

8.10 Independently develop criteria for success to assess design ideas, processes and solutions and their Sustainability

Developing and refining understanding of skills and techniques

8.3 Develop planning skills for artmaking by exploring techniques and processes used by different artists

Structuring and organising ideas into form

8.4 Practise techniques and processes to enhance representation of ideas in their art-making

Sharing artworks through performance, presentation or display

8.5 Present artwork demonstrating consideration of how the artwork is displayed to enhance the artist's intention to an audience

world

Science knowledge can develop through collaboration and connecting ideas across the disciplines of science

Science Inquiry Skills

Questioning and predicting

Identify questions and problems that can be investigated scientifically and make predictions based on scientific knowledge

Planning and conducting

Collaboratively and individually plan and conduct a range of investigation types, including fieldwork and experiments, ensuring safety and ethical guidelines are followed

In fair tests, measure and control variables, and select equipment to collect data with accuracy appropriate to the task

Communicating

Communicate ideas, findings and solutions to problems using scientific language and representations using digital technologies as appropriate

Generating ideas, possibilities and actions

Imagine possibilities and connect ideas

Consider alternatives

Seek solutions and put ideas into action

Reflecting on thinking and processes

Think about thinking (metacognition)

Reflect on processes

Transfer knowledge into new contexts

Analysing, synthesising and evaluating reasoning and procedures

Apply logic and reasoning

Draw conclusions and design a course of action

Evaluate procedures and outcomes

Years 9 and 10

Knowledge and understanding Technologies Contexts

Engineering principles and systems

10.3 Investigate and make judgments on how the characteristics and properties of materials are combined with force, motion and energy to create

Manipulating and applying the elements/concepts with intent

10.2 Manipulate materials, techniques, technologies and processes to develop and represent their own artistic intentions

Structuring and organising ideas into

Science as a Human Endeavour

Nature and development of science

Scientific understanding, including models and theories, are contestable and are refined over time through a process of review by the scientific community

Inquiring – identifying, exploring and organising information and ideas

Pose questions

Identify and clarify information and ideas

Generating ideas, possibilities and

Years 9 and 10 continued

engineered solutions

Materials and technologies specialisations

10.6 Investigate and make judgments on how the characteristics and properties of materials, systems, components, tools and equipment can be combined to create designed solutions

10.7 Investigate and make judgments, within a range of technologies specialisations, on how technologies can be combined to create designed solutions

Processes and production skills Creating designed solutions by:

Investigating

10.8 Critique needs or opportunities to develop design briefs and investigate and select an increasingly sophisticated range of materials, systems, components, tools and equipment to develop design ideas

Producing

10.10 Work flexibly to safely test, select, justify and use appropriate technologies and processes to make designed solutions

Evaluating

10.11 Evaluate design ideas, processes and solutions against comprehensive criteria for success recognising the need for sustainability

form

10.4 Plan and design artworks that represent artistic intention

Sharing artworks through performance, presentation or display

10.5 Present ideas for displaying artworks and evaluate displays of artworks

Advances in scientific understanding often rely on developments in technology and technological advances are often linked to scientific discoveries

Science Inquiry Skills

Questioning and predicting

Formulate questions or hypotheses that can be investigated scientifically

Planning and conducting

Plan, select and use appropriate investigation methods, including field work and laboratory experimentation, to collect reliable data; assess risk and address ethical issues associated with these methods
Select and use appropriate equipment,

Select and use appropriate equipment including digital technologies, to systematically and accurately collect and record data

Communicating

Communicate scientific ideas and information for a particular purpose, including constructing evidence-based arguments and using appropriate scientific language, conventions and representations

actions

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