WORK SAMPLE PORTFOLIO

Annotated work sample portfolios are provided to support implementation of the Foundation – Year 10 Australian Curriculum.

Each portfolio is an example of evidence of student learning in relation to the achievement standard. Three portfolios are available for each achievement standard, illustrating satisfactory, above satisfactory and below satisfactory student achievement. The set of portfolios assists teachers to make on-balance judgements about the quality of their students’ achievement.

Each portfolio comprises a collection of students’ work drawn from a range of assessment tasks. There is no pre-determined number of student work samples in a portfolio, nor are they sequenced in any particular order. Each work sample in the portfolio may vary in terms of how much student time was involved in undertaking the task or the degree of support provided by the teacher. The portfolios comprise authentic samples of student work and may contain errors such as spelling mistakes and other inaccuracies. Opinions expressed in student work are those of the student.

The portfolios have been selected, annotated and reviewed by classroom teachers and other curriculum experts. The portfolios will be reviewed over time.

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THIS PORTFOLIO: YEAR 2 ENGLISH

This portfolio provides the following student work samples:

Sample 1  Text connection: The Deep
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This portfolio of student work includes responses to a variety of texts and the development of a range of written and oral texts. The student uses a variety of text processing strategies to read (WS7), retrieve literal information, make inferences (WS1, WS2, WS3, WS5) and find the main idea in a text (WS1, WS2). The student creates written and multimodal texts for specific purposes and audiences (WS2, WS3, WS4, WS10) drawing on knowledge of grammar, vocabulary and punctuation (WS4, WS8, WS9, WS10). The student creates texts exploring sound and word patterns (WS10). The student demonstrates the ability to spell most high-frequency sight words and to use sound-letter knowledge to attempt new words (WS1, WS2, WS3, WS4, WS5, WS8 and WS10).
Text connection: *The Deep*

**Year 2 English achievement standard**

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**Summary of task**

After reading *The Deep* by Tim Winton, students were asked to consider how it connected with another text they had read. They were asked to:

- identify the key ideas in *The Deep*
- identify another text that connects with *The Deep*
- identify the connections between the two texts.

Students had previous lessons on making connections between texts. They had access to library resources and copies of *The Deep* to use as they worked.
Text connection: *The Deep*

**Annotations**

Responds to questions and writes a brief summary describing the main ideas in a story read in class.

Uses accurate sentence boundary punctuation.

Makes connections between two texts, by recognising that in both texts the characters link actions and feelings, for example, ‘Alice wishing she could fly like a gull’.

Uses varied sentence structure to express and link ideas, for example, ‘When Super Duck wakes up he wants to fly like Alice.’

Accurately spells high-frequency words, for example, ‘little’, ‘does’, ‘while’, and uses letter-sound knowledge to attempt unfamiliar words, for example, ‘dolfin’ (dolphin).

Reflects on the connection, making a comparison between characters’ actions, for example, ‘The only different thing is that Super Duck flies and Alice does not.’

Writes using legible unjoined upper- and lower-case letters.
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**Summary of task**

Students read and discussed the texts *Olga the Brolga* by Rod Clement and *Bernard the Brolga that Couldn’t Dance* by Denise Burt and Tom Bishop. Students were asked to draw their favourite character and explain why they like that character.
Character preference: Olga

Which character did you prefer and why?

My favrot character is Olga because she looks petty, she is a girl and I am a girl, she wears bangalls. She also is a bit funny and I like funny things and I also like the way she dances. I like the way she nagged everyone to come and dance that was funny.

Annotations

Briefly explains a personal preference for a text.

Creates an illustration to support information in the text.

Makes connections to self from literal and inferred information in the text, for example, ‘she is a girl, and I am a girl’; ‘she is also a bit funny …’

Uses capital letters for proper nouns.

Accurately spells high-frequency words, for example, ‘because’, ‘come’, and uses letter-sound knowledge to attempt unfamiliar words, for example, ‘favrot’ (favourite), ‘bangalls’ (bangles).

Experiments with the use of commas to connect ideas, for example, ‘… I am a girl, she wears …’

Writes legibly using unjoined upper- and lower-case letters.

Refers to a character’s actions to support personal preference, for example, ‘She nagged everyone to come and dance that was funny’.
Written response: Comparing literary texts

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Summary of task

After reading the texts The Very Cranky Bear and The Very Hungry Bear by Nick Bland, students discussed the two bears and their actions. Students were asked to write a text to express and explain their character preferences. They were given an opening paragraph and sentence starters to use in their work.
Written response: Comparing literary texts

Comparing Text
We read two texts by Nick Bland. They are "The Very Cranky Bear" and "The Very Hungry Bear".
I preferred the actions of the bear in "The Very Hungry Bear" because when the normal bear fished a Polar Bear and he saw the Polar Bear have fish.
I preferred the feelings of the bear in "The Very Cranky Bear" because at first he's cranky but at the end he let the animals in his cave.

Annotations

Wrote a sequenced response using an opening statement, reasons and a concluding comment.

Gives reasons for preferences which include actions and feelings of characters, for example, 'I preferred the actions of …'.

Explains personal preference for aspects of two texts.

Elaborates ideas by using literal and implied meanings to elaborate, for example ‘… but at the end he let the animals in his cave.’
Written response: Comparing literary texts

I preferred the looks of the bear in "The Very Hungry Bear" because when they built the igloo for Polar Bear and he was happy.

My favourite event was when in the start of "The Very Hungry Bear" he went fishing and he caught a Polar Bear.

Overall, I prefer "The Very Hungry Bear" because it was funny.

Annotations

- Uses capital letters for proper nouns.
- Writes legibly using unjoined upper- and lower-case letters.
- Uses accurate punctuation for sentence boundary and book titles.
- Uses varied sentence structures including simple, compound and complex sentences to express and link ideas, for example, 'Overall, I prefer “The Very Hungry Bear” because it was funny'.
- Spells high-frequency and familiar words accurately.
Written report: Excursion to Kings Park

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Summary of task

Students had many opportunities to learn how to write a recount, including explicit teaching and learning opportunities about text structure and language features.

Students were asked to write a recount after an excursion to a large city park. Before writing they engaged in whole-class and group discussion about their experiences.
Our Excursion to Kings Park

On Wednesday 27th of June our class, room 3 went to Kings Park so we could learn more about aboriginals. We got there by bus and my mum came.

First we got on the bus. When we got off the bus we walked over to tool making. The man, Trevor told us what the tools are used for and the whole time I got to hold an aboriginal teddy bear. Then we went to painting and did aboriginal symbols.

Annotations

Creates a structured informative text, drawing on own experiences, to recount a sequence of events.

Uses some capital letters to signal proper nouns, for example, ‘Kings Park’, and to begin sentences.

Spells irregular words, for example, ‘could’, ‘because’; uses digraphs and sound-letter knowledge to spell regular words, for example, ‘making’, ‘crunch’.

Develops cohesion through word associations, for example, ‘excursion’, ‘bus’, ‘learn’.

Sequences text through the use of timing words, for example, ‘On Wednesday’, ‘First’.

Provides some factual information and some personal details.
Secondly we went to the Illyarrie shelter to do singing and dancing. Then we went to recess. After that we went to nature-scape we made dams and culbies we went on a climbing web and made magic potion then we went to prickly thicket then had lunch. Thirdly we went on the Glass Bridge then we had crunch and sip. Our excursion was awesome because I loved making dams!
Text response: *Olga the Brolga*

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**Summary of task**

Students listened to the text *Olga the Brolga* by Rod Clement and discussed the purpose and possible audience of the text. Students were asked to record a personal response to the text and to answer questions related to the text’s purpose and appeal to a different audience.
Text response: **Olga the Brolga**

My favourite character was **Olga**
because she was so funny.

The purpose of this text is to **entertain**.
I think this text meets the purpose because
the author just made up a story to make you laugh.

My least favourite character was **Mum and Dad**
because they would not play with Olga.

I would recommend this text to
because she would think it is very funny.

**Annotations**

- Understands the purpose of the story, that is to entertain.
- Briefly describes a personal preference for a character.
- Uses vocabulary choice and repetition for emphasis, for example, ‘so, so, so’.
- Links preference to implied meanings from a text, for example, ‘funny’.
- Uses images to support meaning.
- Writes using correctly formed unjoined upper- and lower-case letters.
- Spells familiar words accurately, for example, ‘would’, ‘story’, ‘funny’, and attempts less familiar words, for example, ‘auther/author’.
- Describes author’s intent, for example, ‘to make us laugh’.
Oral presentation: All about me

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**Summary of task**

Students were asked to prepare and deliver a short presentation on a researched topic of their own choice.
Oral presentation: All about me
Reading aloud: A Cure for Hiccups

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**Summary of task**

Students were asked to read a text aloud. The student had not read the text previously.
Reading aloud: A Cure for Hiccups
Imaginative text: The mad story about a pirate

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**Summary of task**

Students had been reading narrative texts with fantasy characters. They had been discussing:

- how the characters and settings of different texts are developed
- how images add to the story
- the typical stages of these simple narratives.

Students were asked to:

- write a pirate narrative with a strong focus on character development
- create interesting illustrations to help tell the story
- design an appealing cover page that encourages the reader to choose their story to read.

The first draft of the story was read aloud to an adult to help determine audience appeal and readability. Students edited their work individually and the final stories were published in a class book.
Imaginative text: The mad story about a pirate

Annotations
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One very dark and stormy night Captain Black Patch was in a boat called the Pinky Winky. No one liked Captain Black Patch because he was so angry. Everybody on the boat was sad.

Along came a fairy who cast a spell to make him happy. He was a clown and he was

Annotations

Understands the structure and some of the characteristics of a narrative text, including characters, setting and events.

Uses imaginative elements from reading in own text.

Uses varied sentence structures including simple, compound and complex sentences to express and link ideas, for example, ‘No one liked Captain Black Patch because he was so angry’.

Uses capital letters for proper nouns, for example, ‘Pinky Winky’.

Accurately spells high-frequency words, for example, ‘was’, ‘because’, and uses sound–letter knowledge to attempt new words, for example, ‘clon’ (clown).

Uses familiar and learned vocabulary to create an imaginative world, for example, ‘cast a spell’.
Imaginative text: The mad story about a pirate

Annotations

Uses knowledge about morphemes to spell words, for example, ‘dancing’, and ‘dance’.

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Group discussion: Creating a fairy story

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Summary of task

Students in the class had developed the introduction and resolution of a fairy story for the kindergarten students at their school. In small groups the students wrote an elaborated series of events that occurred in a specific setting, for example, ‘romantic land’ and ‘dinosaur land’. The events that occurred in these lands were shared with the whole class and the class teacher with the intention of compiling these to create a fairy story. The students in each group illustrated their text. In this work sample, the students are editing the text for improvement and to ensure that it is suitable for its audience.
Group discussion: Creating a fairy story
Descriptive poem: Mixtures

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The students had completed a unit of work integrating English and science content. In English the students had explored how noun groups add to the descriptive qualities of texts and how these can be used to create patterns in poetry. In science the students had investigated how some materials can be mixed together for a particular purpose, such as ingredients.

For this task, students first worked in groups to prepare a healthy snack using fruit and vegetables. After making the snack, the groups formed a ‘talking circle’ to experiment with sounds and words to develop descriptive, rhythmic statements that captured the characteristics of the food. The students then drew on these statements to create their own descriptive poems. The video clip displays the poem as created by the use of the word cards. The poems were videoed as they were presented orally.
Descriptive poem: Mixtures

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