

WORLD FIRST ONLINE INTERACTIVE CURRICULUM

FOR PRINCIPALS

The team at eUP (electronic Unit Planner) together with Teaching without Telling educational consultants Amanda Dressing and Karen Green are pleased to present a comprehensive curriculum for students from 5 to 12 years of age (Prep to Year 6). This top line curriculum planning uses eUP, a purpose built curriculum planning website, to inspire teachers to deliver engaging and appropriate lessons to 21st century learners.

TWO YEAR SCOPE AND SEQUENCE OF 28 COMPREHENSIVE UNITS WRITTEN FOR YOU

The units of work are comprehensive, providing an in-depth coverage of all mandated learning areas. An entire 2 year scope and sequence of units has been written around 8 big ideas or concepts. This coherent, spiralled curriculum is designed around the eight concepts of Sustainability, Identity, Community, Necessity, Change, Curiosity, Social Justice and Creativity. Different aspects of these concepts are explored at each VELS level.

FLEXIBLE CURRICULUM

Having purchased the Teaching Without Telling units, teachers receive them when they log into eUP. They are able to edit and adapt the pre-written units as they see fit. This flexibility ensures that the curriculum meet the needs of the specific student cohort at your school, as well as fitting in with your school calendar.

IN HOUSE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Step by step assistance is provided within the 'help' sections of each step of the unit planning. To this end, the use of eUP allows for in-house professional development for teachers who are unfamiliar with writing inquiry-based, concept driven curriculum. Support is also provided in the form of video clips of students being taught many of the cooperative tools that appear in the eUP toolkit. Amanda and Karen also appear in video clips that provide explanations of each step of the program. All of the suggested activities, as well as checklists and rubrics that are a part of the assessment of student understanding, are provided. With your teachers delivering this comprehensive curriculum, you can be sure as a school leader that all students in your school are being taught the skills, knowledge and behaviours that are essential for success as learners, now and in the future.

MAXIMISE PLANNING TIME

With teachers having access to these units, they will have increased opportunities to use their planning time to differentiate the curriculum to cater for the full range of students within your school. There are places within eUP that teachers are prompted to enter specific ways that they will ensure that students who are capable at performing 'beyond the group' can have work adapted for them, as can students who may require a slower and less complex course of study.

EXPLANATORY VIDEO CLIPS

Amanda and Karen have provided video clips that explain the thinking behind elements of the units. They deliver the professional learning required for your staff to effectively utilise the units within eUP, turning your staff meetings into collaborative conferences and your staff room into a virtual lecture theatre.

FOR TEACHERS

Having comprehensive units written for you and available online ensures:

- Time to consider differentiation
- Application of 'best practice' strategies including Bloom's Taxonomy, Multiple Intelligences, Habits of Mind, Thinking Tools, Cooperative Tools etc
- Application of numeracy and literacy in context
- Opportunities for students to answer their own questions
- No overlap of units of work from level to level
- Certainty that all of the standards have been taught and addressed and that Learning Focus Statements (at the lower levels) have been considered and added to units
- Best practice strategies re assessment have been provided with rubrics and checklists for both you and your students to use
- The 'Big Picture' thinking of each unit is clear and rigorous
- Lessons are written in clear language, with specific instructions provided for both you and your students
- The entire package of units is able to be manipulated and adapted by using eUP. For example you can change the number of weeks to fit in with your school's calendar or you may wish to use other tools from the toolkit to the one's we have suggested.
- Ongoing, timely reflective journal entries are included within every lesson in each unit.
- All resources are available to create and print
- Video clips of students doing cooperative tasks supports teacher understanding
- Your virtual inclusion in the planning via video clips of the authors explaining the intent behind different aspects of the planning.

FOR PARENTS

This curriculum provides opportunities for your children to:

- Understand their world through big concepts as a vehicle for questioning and seeking answers
- Work cooperatively with others to develop skills of listening, teamwork, empathy and collaboration
- Develop life-long dispositions for intelligent thinking
- Express their opinions, feelings and understandings about a range of age appropriate knowledge, skills and behaviours
- Continuously reflect on themselves as learners, with a view to continuous improvement that is individualised and targeted to meet negotiated goals
- Develop a social conscience that enables them to take responsibility for their actions
- Develop critical thinking skills that can be applied in context in order to reduce ambiguity to solve problems and clarify understanding
- Nurture creative thinking in order to see beyond the obvious and to design innovative products and ideas