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Cluedunnit Kids

Teacher Guide

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Cluedunnit Kids: Overview

Thank you for your interest in *Cluedunnit Kids*. We hope that you find it to be a valuable learning experience that both you and your students enjoy.

Year 6 and Year 5/6 student teams investigate a fictional criminal offence with the goal of identifying the prime suspect.

A brief of evidence (statements, photographs and forensic evidence) provides clues and students ask questions to get further evidence to identify the prime suspect and eliminate other suspects.

Each team then plans, creates and submits their findings in a creative way of their own choosing; usually an electronic or hard copy format.

A judging panel reviews the top ten *Cluedunnit Kids* submissions using the following criteria; 1. Correct identification of suspect. 2. Supporting evidence. 3. Creativity 4. Application of legal principles 5. Appropriate sentencing.

Every student that participates in *Cluedunnit Kids* receives a certificate of participation and a commemorative gift.

Cluedunnit Kids: **Brief of Evidence**

The brief of evidence is posted online and contains witness statements, photographs and forensic evidence.

The brief contains critical information for the identification of the prime suspect and the elimination of other suspects.

Please note that it would be wise for student teams not to jump to any conclusions before they have asked all six of their questions and have considered everything.

Even if student teams think they know who the prime suspect is from the brief of evidence they need to be able to prove it, so that they are sure and have no real doubt, that the suspect committed the crime.

Cluedunnit Kids: **Investigating and Collecting Evidence**

As part of the investigation each school can, and should, ask up to 6 questions to gather more evidence and to eliminate other suspects.

If your school has more than one team, the school must share the 6 questions across the teams.

Make sure the questions that your school asks count. ***Make sure each question is directed to someone and is specific in what it asks.***

The more questions a school asks, the more answers you will receive and the more evidence you will have to prove the case.

We strongly recommend schools use all 6 questions to gather as much evidence as possible to clearly identify the prime suspect and eliminate the other suspects.

Cluedunnit Kids: Six Questions

Schools running an in-school competition will have to share the questions across the in-school teams. The questions will help to get additional evidence, reports, statements, photos etc.

When asking questions, students must nominate a person who they feel can provide the information, rather than just asking for the detail they want.

The questions must also be specific in what they are asking.

A question can only request one thing and not multiple things.



EXAMPLE

“Did anyone see anything and what did they see?” (Not a good question and won’t be answered. Two very broad questions are asked and this is not allowed. Also, the question is not directed to anyone.)

“Can you ask Constable Linus Uppe what Justin Case saw at midnight on the corner of Wright Place and Knot Court, please?” (Great question. Specific in what it asks and directed to a specific person.)

Cluedunnit Kids: Question Examples

Samples of poor questions are in orange. These are either too vague or don't indicate who is to provide the information. The correct style of questioning is in green. These are clear, specific and indicate who is to provide the information.

1. *If there are any witnesses, what did they see or hear?*

Can you ask Sergeant Justin Thyme for a witness statement from the waste recycling truck driver who was traveling on Surf Street, please?

2. *Can we get any information on why Robyn Holden was absent from school?*

Can you ask the school principal if any reason was given for Robyn Holden's absence from school on 14 March, please?

3. *Whose footprints were outside the driver's side door?*

Can you ask Sergeant Justin Thyme for the foot sizes of the suspects, please?

Please note, if students do not ask a clear specific question directed to a particular person, the Education Officers will be unable to answer the question and that question will be wasted.

Cluedunnit Kids: **Creative Presentation**

Using the evidence gathered after asking the 6 questions, each team then plans, creates and submits their findings in a creative way of their choosing. This is often in an electronic/digital format (video interviews, video songs, video song + dance, animations, Powerpoint files, video re-enactment) or a written format (pop-up book, board game, booklet, comic, poster).

Your presentation should:

- be creative;
- identify the prime suspect with supporting evidence with details on how the other suspects have been eliminated;
- apply legal principles (Presumption of innocence, Burden of proof and Standard of proof); and
- suggest appropriate sentencing options.

Each school can only submit one entry for judging. Schools that have more than one team must run an in-school competition and the winning entry of the in-school competition is then submitted for judging.

Encourage students to be creative whilst incorporating all of the evidence they have collected.

Limit electronic/digital presentations to a maximum of 5-7 mins.

Cluedunnit Kids: **Creative Presentation - Advice**

Recreating the scenario is fine and many schools do it, however it is important to note the judging criteria and the fact that electronic submissions should be limited to 5-7 mins maximum in length.

ONLY members of the investigating team can have a speaking role in the submission (classmates can be in the background of any video they make but they cannot talk).

Teachers should remind the students that the prime suspect is thought to be innocent until proven guilty. The presumption of innocence is a really important legal principle in Australia.

Remember the three essential legal principles: presumption of innocence, burden of proof and standard of proof.

The students need to include details on what the prime suspect would be charged with **and an appropriate penalty** - see the Charges and Sentencing Options document provided each year.

Cluedunnit Kids: Judging Criteria

Each submission is judged on the following criteria:

- Correct identification of suspect – up to 2 points
 - Supporting evidence – up to 10 points
 - Creativity – up to 10 points
 - Application of legal principles – up to 4 points
 - Appropriate sentencing – up to 4 points
- Total = 30 points**

The *Cluedunnit Kids* judging criteria is heavily weighted to supporting evidence, creativity, application of legal principles and appropriate sentencing as most teams correctly identify the prime suspect.

It is expected that the submissions are the work of the Year 6 or Year 5/6 students with teachers and/or older students providing limited assistance and direction.

The judging panel includes representatives from the Children's Court of WA, the Magistrates Court of WA, a WA Police Officer, a lawyer from Legal Aid WA and a representative from Curtin University Law School

Feedback from the judging panel on submissions is not provided and the judging panel's decisions are final.

Cluedunnit Kids: Awards

Certificate of participation and commemorative gift: Every student that participates in *Cluedunnit Kids* receives a certificate of participation and commemorative gift. Teachers ***need to register every student that participates*** in *Cluedunnit Kids* to ensure they receive a certificate of participation and commemorative gift.

Winning Team Submission: The winning team will be awarded a trophy and a book voucher for their school (or equivalent). Each winning member of the team will receive a medal.

Runner up Team Submission: The runner up team will receive a plaque and a book voucher for their school (or equivalent). Each member of the team will receive a medal.

Ambassador School Award: The ambassador school is selected based on the manner the teams conduct themselves during the competition. Students at an ambassador school have demonstrated perseverance, commitment and exemplary engagement with the Education Officers. A plaque and a book voucher are awarded to the ambassador school (or equivalent). Each member of the team will receive a medal.

A *Cluedunnit Kids* awards ceremony takes place after the winners are announced. The awards ceremony may be scheduled at the winning team's school or at the Perth Children's Court.

Cluedunnit Kids: 2020 Awards

2020

Winning Entry: [The Fast and the Curious](#), Peter Moyes Anglican
Community School

Runner Up Entry: [The Iona Team](#), Iona Presentation College

Ambassador School: Roseworth Primary School

Click on the 2020 Winning Entry and Runner Up Entry hyperlinks above
to view both entries.

Cluedunnit Kids: **FAQs**

How will students benefit across key learning areas?

Cluedunnit Kids addresses WA Curriculum General Capabilities; Literacy, ICT Capability, Critical and Creative Thinking, Personal and Social Capability and Ethical Understanding.

Cluedunnit Kids provides an opportunity for students to apply the core HaSS Skills; Questioning and Researching, Analysing, Evaluating and Communicating and Reflecting.

How many students can we include in a team?

You can have up to 7 students in your team. The project is designed for Year 6 students, but is also suitable for split Year 5/6 classes.

Can we involve whole class/year groups?

Yes, schools can run in-school competitions and submit the best entry for the competition. Schools holding an in-school competition are reminded they can only ask 6 questions per school.

Every student participant in in-school competitions receives a certificate and commemorative gift. Teachers should register every student participant.

Will prizes be awarded?

The winning team will be awarded a trophy and a book pack for their school (or equivalent). Each winning member of the team will receive a medal.

The runner up team will receive a plaque and a book pack for their school (or equivalent). Each member of the team will receive a medal.

A plaque and book voucher will also be awarded to the ambassador school (or equivalent).

All participants will receive a certificate of participation and commemorative gift.

Cluedunnit Kids: FAQs

How long does Cluedunnit Kids last?

The brief of evidence is posted online in mid February. All submissions must be received by the Francis Burt Law Education Programme no later than 4pm on the set date in mid-late May.

Can we use the internet for research?

Yes, you will find some helpful websites at the back of this document .

Does the team have to ask questions?

No, but the team will be disadvantaged if they don't as more clues/evidence will be obtained if the right questions are asked.

Do team leaders have extra responsibilities?

Yes. Team leaders must make sure questions are emailed to the Education Officers at schools@lawsocietywa.asn.au. Remember, you can only ask 6 questions per school, so if your school is running an in-school competition you will have to share the questions across the in-school teams.

If the team's creative presentation is in a digital format (PowerPoint, video etc), please make sure you allow enough time to either post your submission to reach us by no later than 4pm of the closing date for submissions in May or alternatively use Dropbox, or a similar platform, to upload your submission online and send us the link. Our judges have very tight schedules and late entries cannot be accepted.

Cluedunnit Kids: **Contacts**

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Cluedunnit Kids: **Legal Principles**

Presumption of innocence: Everyone accused of a crime is thought to be innocent until proven guilty.

Burden of proof: The prosecution has the responsibility to, and must, prove that the accused person is guilty.

Standard of proof: The level of proof required to find a person guilty of a crime is beyond reasonable doubt. In everyday language, this means that after hearing all of the evidence you are sure that the person did the crime, and you have no real doubts in your mind that the accused did it.

Cluedunnit Kids: Magistrates Court

The types of criminal matters in *Cluedunnit Kids* would be heard in the Magistrates Court of Western Australia if the accused was an adult. The maximum penalty for a Magistrates Court matter is up to 3 years imprisonment. Types of matters heard by the Magistrates Court include road traffic matters, stealing under \$50,000, disorderly conduct, minor assaults and lots of others.

In the average year, more than 95% of all criminal matters in WA are heard by the Magistrates Court.

The judicial officer in the Magistrates Court is a Magistrate who is referred to as “Your Honour”.

Magistrates do not wear robes or wigs. The jury system does not exist at this level. In criminal trials a Magistrate decides if the accused is guilty or not guilty.

The gavel (wooden hammer) has never been used in West Australian or Australian courts.

Remember that the prime suspect is thought to be **innocent until proven guilty**.

Cluedunnit Kids: Children's Court

If the accused in a *Cluedunnit Kids* scenario is aged 10 to 17 years of age, the criminal matter would be heard in the Children's Court of Western Australia.

The Children's Court also deals with child protection and care applications for children under the age of 18.

The focus of the Children's Court in criminal matters is to ensure the fair treatment of children who have, or are alleged to have, committed offences.

The focus of the Children's Court in protection and care proceedings is to promote the wellbeing of children and to ensure that the children are protected from harm.

Magistrates are responsible for the less serious criminal matters in the Children's Court. The President of the Children's Court is responsible for the more serious criminal matters.

The President and Children's Court Magistrates are referred to as "Your Honour". The President and the Magistrates in the Children's Court do not wear robes or wigs.

The jury system does not exist in the Children's Court.

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Cluedunnit Kids: Education

Schools are encouraged to take part in a Francis Burt Law Education Programme tour to view a Magistrates Court in session and/or participate in a mock trial.

You will need to contact us to arrange a suitable date/time - Phone: (08) 9324 8686 or Email: schools@lawsocietywa.asn.au

The Francis Burt Law Education Programme has the Lawyer Visits to Schools Network . Teachers can request to have a lawyer talk to their students at the school free of charge.

Schools outside the Perth metropolitan area are encouraged to contact their nearest Magistrates Court for information regarding school visits to the local court.

Cluedunnit Kids: Resources

- [Francis Burt Law Education Programme](#)
- [Legal Aid WA](#)
- [Children's Court](#)
- [Magistrates Court](#)
- [Western Australia Police](#)