

Francis Burt Law Education Programme



Cluedunnit Kids Student Guide

Mission Investigate: Have Fun, Ask Questions and Get Creative

Principal Partner





Cluedunnit Kids: Overview

Your job is to work as a team and investigate an imaginary criminal offence. You need to read all the information in the Brief of Evidence, ask questions (maximum of 6 per school) to get more evidence and decide which of the 3 suspects is the prime suspect.

Teams then plan, create and submit their findings in a creative way of their own choosing for judging.

Only one entry per school is allowed.

You are competing against other student teams from schools all across Western Australia.





Cluedunnit Kids: **General Rules**

1. You can have up to 7 students maximum in a team.
2. You should give your team a name.
3. You need to work as a team, listen and talk to your team mates and teacher about the case and the Brief of Evidence.
4. You will need to plan, create and submit your findings in a creative way of your own choosing. Be creative and have fun.
5. Only one submission per school can be submitted for judging.





Cluedunnit Kids: Overview

Part 1: The Investigation (Term 1)

A Brief of Evidence (statements, photographs and forensic evidence) sets the scene, identifies the charge/s and provides clues.

The students then ask up to 6 questions per school to get further evidence to identify the prime suspect and eliminate the other suspects.

You should have asked all 6 of your questions by the end of Term 1 at the latest.





Cluedunnit Kids: Question Rules

1. Each school can ask **a maximum of 6 questions**.
2. Schools running an in-school competition have to share the 6 questions across the in-school teams.
3. When asking Cluedunnit questions, students must direct the question to someone, rather than just asking for the detail they want.
4. Cluedunnit questions must be specific in what they are asking.
5. Cluedunnit questions can only request one thing; not multiple things.
6. Cluedunnit questions must come from the students.





Cluedunnit Kids: Question Examples

“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: More Question Examples

Samples of poor questions are in red. These are either too vague or don't indicate who is to provide the information. The correct style of Cluedunnit 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?*

Please ask the Principal if any reason was given for Robyn Holden's absence from school on 14 March.

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

Can you ask Dr Dee Enay for the forensic report on the footprints outside the driver's door, please?

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





Cluedunnit Kids: Creative Submission

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 (See further details in the Charges and Sentencing resource).





Cluedunnit Kids: **Creative Presentation - Advice**

Recreating the scenario is fine and many schools do it, however remember the judging criteria and the fact that electronic submissions must be limited to 8 mins maximum in length.

Remember to **reference the three essential legal principles in the presentation:** Presumption of Innocence, Burden of Proof and Standard of Proof.

The prime suspect will plead guilty to the charge/s.

Remember that even though the prime suspect pleads guilty, the presentation should demonstrate that the accused is thought to be innocent until proven guilty right up until her/his guilty plea. **The Presumption of Innocence is a really important legal principle in Australia.**

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 resource.





Cluedunnit Kids: Creative Submission Rules

1. 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.
2. Any digital presentation longer than 8 mins will have 2 points deducted for every minute over, i.e. a 9 min presentation would lose 2 points, a 10 min presentation would lose 4 points.
3. Teachers and older students may provide advice and support to the Cluedunnit students, however planning and creating the presentation must be led by the Cluedunnit students and it must be their work.
4. Cluedunnit students may use Gen-AI technologies in the development of their presentation, however they must be transparent and acknowledge the use of such technology in their presentation.





Cluedunnit Kids: Judging Criteria

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

Each submission is judged on the following criteria:

1. Correct identification of suspect – up to 2 points
2. Supporting evidence – up to 10 points
3. Creativity – up to 10 points
4. Application of legal principles – up to 4 points
5. Appropriate sentencing – up to 4 points

Total = 30 points





Cluedunnit Kids: Judging Criteria

The submissions are first judged by the Francis Burt Law Education Programme team using the judging criteria. The top ten submissions are then short listed for judging by the panel.

The Cluedunnit Kids judging criteria is heavily weighted to supporting evidence and creativity.

The weighting of the application of legal principles and appropriate sentencing criteria is also worth noting as these are often overlooked.

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





Cluedunnit Kids: **Cluedunnit Winners**

2024

Winning Submission

[Private Eye](#), Harrisdale Primary School

Runner Up Submission

[The Sound Squad](#), Frederick Irwin Anglican School

Click on the hyperlinks above to view the winning 2024 submissions.





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, only after hearing all of the evidence, if you are sure that the person did the crime, and you have no real doubts that the accused did it, then you can say the accused is guilty.





Cluedunnit Kids: **Mission Investigate**

Now you have all the Cluedunnit Kids information.

In mid-late February the Brief of Evidence will be posted online.

Get ready to investigate and ask questions to get more evidence to identify the prime suspect and eliminate the other suspects.

Then, you and your team mates will plan, create and present your findings in a creative way of your own choosing.

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