

# Models of Engaged Learning & Teaching: MELT and crystalise your students' Approaches to Learning



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# MELT 10am-11am

- Why MELT?
- What are the MELT?
- How are MELT used in:
  - ➤ IB MYP?
  - ➤ Middle School STEM?
  - ➤ PD for Primary School teachers?
  - ➤ Early Childhood and Primary?
- Q&A
- You brainstorm MELTing possibilities
- ... and introducing
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# Models of Engaged Learning and Teaching: Why?





# **Observation**



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Have you heard the expression 'I couldn't believe my eyes'? Many explorers roaming across the deserts of Australia saw water in the distance. But when they rushed up to have a drink, they swallowed a mouthful of sand. It was not water 30 they saw, but a mirage.

These explorers soon learned not to trust their sense of sight only - they realized they needed to use other senses too. Our senses are sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell, and these are our 35 main ways of finding out about the world. We should use as many senses as possible in science. In this way we may not be so easily tricked by mirages.

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Experiment : Pop the com

Equipment: Small tin can, with 20 kernels of com

Bunsen Burner matches

Tripod bench protector

Gauze mat safety glasses

Method: The method tells you the steps to follow.

- Make as many observations about the unpopped corn as possible. Record these.
- Place the tin can with the corn kernels on the gauze mat. Light the Bunsen burner, and begin heating on a blue flame.
- Use every sense, except taste, to make observations from the time you start to heat.
- Clean up thoroughly.





### Part 1. Purpose of the text

Find the key ideas from the text, and their meaning in the context of the experiment. Organise below.

a. Title (pur	pose)				
Key word(s) Line no.s					
Meaning in context	•		•	•	
Part 2. Infer Analyse the te			e questions by <b>s</b> in this experime	some new ide	as:
b. Why must y	∕ou use a blue	e flame to heat	the tin can?	 	

## Design your own seed experiment



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What are they waiting for? You planted those pea seeds a month ago and they still haven't come up. Sure, the pack said 'sow in spring' and you planted them in July, but so what? They had lots and lots and lots of rain, so it couldn't be anything to do with water, could it? Now, the soil was kind of sandy, but the grass grows fine on that, it seems, so that shouldn't affect anything.

Your saucepan is ready to cook fresh, green, delicious home-grown peas, but the peas haven't even shown a little leaf. Maybe it's time to investigate what things affect seeds sprouting. Otherwise, you may never get those home-grown peas you want.

You need to think about a hypothesis, which will give you a direction to research. A hypothesis is a 'mini theory'. To come up with one, ask yourselves 'what things might cause seeds to sprout?' Your hypothesis will be about the effect of one of these things. It is a good hypothesis if it helps you

Next you must decide the one manipulated variable. This is the variable you decide to change. This is related to your hypothesis. In the example above, you would manipulate the amount of time seeds have been in the packet, by using packets with different use-by dates.

Then you must identify all the controlled variables. Remember, these could vary, but you must control them so they don't. Controlled variables would include things like:

- · amount of water
- temperature
- soil type
- light conditions
- humidity
- seed type
- · amount of air available

If they vary, it will not be a fair test.

You must also state your dependent variable.

This is the thing you are going to measure. For example, is it the number of seeds that sprout.



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a. Title (purpose)				
Key word(s)				
Meaning in context				
Part 2. Summary paragraph.				
Organise the structured overview above into a summary paragraph that contains all the key ideas.				
b. Analyse the text again, and communicate what you think is the key theme of the passage.				
Part 3. Synthesise inferences in response to these questions:				
a. Why must all the 'controlled variables' be kept the same through your experiment?				
b. What would happen if you had two 'manipulated variables' at once?				



**Embark and Clarify** 

Find and Generate

**Evaluate and Reflect** 

Organise and Manage

Analyse and Synthesise

Communicate and Apply

Facets are based on:

- Information literacy standards
- Blooms taxonomy
- Good practice
- Much piloting and redrafting over

13 years

# Research Skill Development Framework



For educators to facilitate the explicit, coherent, incremental and cyclic development of the skills associated with researching, problem solving, critical thinking and clinical reasoning.

### Students' Autonomy when Researching

#### Prescribed Researching

Bounded Researching

Scaffolded Researching

Open-ended Researching

Unbounded Researching

Highly structured directions and modelling from educator prompt researching, in which...

Boundaries set by and limited directions from educator channel researching, in which...

Scaffolds placed by educator shape independent researching, in which...

Students initiate research and this is guided by the educator.

Students determined guidelines for researching that are in accord with discipline or context...

# Extent of Autonomy based on

- Vygotsky's Zone of Proximal Development
- Close to open inquiry
- Model, scaffold, withdraw
- SOLO taxonomy
- Designed for ECE to PhD

## Research Skill Development for Curriculum Design and Assessment



RSD Small Groups Masters Schooling MELT I-MELT

RSD Homepage

**RSD Homepage** 

Framework

**Evidence of Effectiveness** 

Examples

Get Involved

FAQ

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Contacts

### Research Skill Development

Research Skill Development (RSD) is home to a community of academics, tutors, librarians, student support staff and, of course, students, that uses the RSD framework to create discipline-based and interdisciplinary approaches and resources.

This use of the RSD enables the explicit, incremental and coherent development of students' and academics' research skills. Watch our introductory video to RSD.

#### **RSD Frameworks**



#### **Evidence of Effectiveness**



### Discipline Examples



Get Involved



### New Material



#### I-MELT



#### **Autonomy Articles**

#### **RSD News**

> More



I-MELT call for posters with 200 word abstracts

AUG

Eols for Special Issue on RSD due 24 August

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Extension for I-MELT short papers-14 August





### Research Skill Development in Schools



**Small Groups** Schooling **RSD** Masters MELT I-MELT

RSD in Schools

**RSD in Schools** 

Early Childhood

**Primary** 

Secondary

Frameworks

### Research Skill Development in Schools

Research Skill Development (RSD) in Schools resources are in development, so we are interested in how you might use them or adapt them. Watch our introductory video to RSD in Schools.

Contact John Willison if you are interested in piloting RSD resources in a school context.

### Early Childhood



### **Primary**



### Secondary





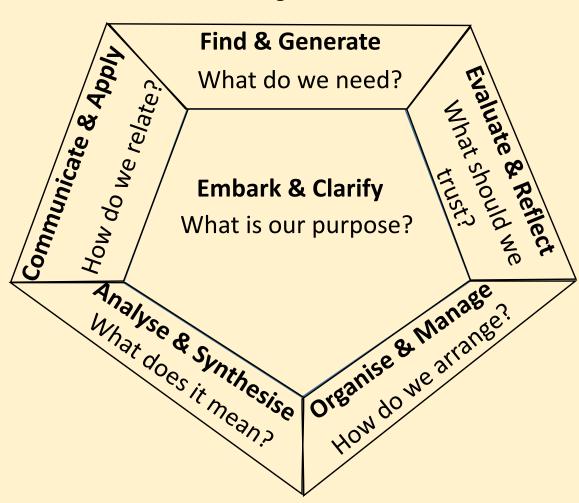
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## **MELT** pentagon

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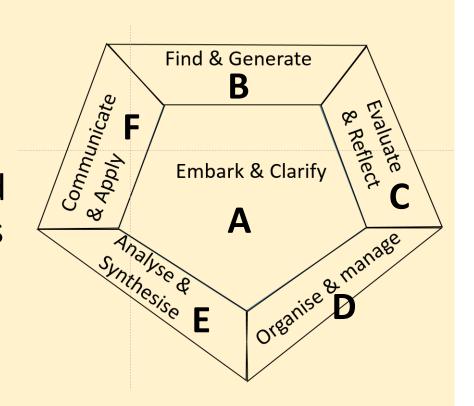


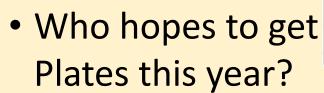


# Students Engaging with IB Inquiry

### In threes and fours:

- Discuss the most problematic MELT facet for students when they engage in more open-ended investigations/problems/projects
- You have five minutes to decide which facet and hold up your group's answer simultaneously
- Be ready to explain your answer







- How many driving hours' do you need in your driving log book before you can get your Ps?
- Have you heard that SA has been discussing an increase from 75 hours to 120 hours?



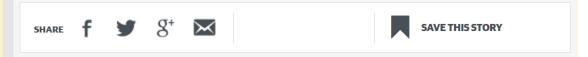




### **NEWS**

# Tough lincencing overhaul for South Australia's young drivers

POLITICAL REPORTER DANIEL WILLS ADELAIDENOW OCTOBER 14, 2011 11:00PM





Sthrathalbyn teen Matt Jellicoe with his dad Michael. Matt bought a car expecting to get his L-plates. Picture: Morne De Klerk



Living in NSW, Stephanie completed over 120 supervised driving hours on Ls, and has been on Ps for 3 months. She said:

"75 hours is enough to easily pass your licence, but 120 hours gives you more different experiences in a range of different environments for driving."



# Task 1 (cont'): List the advantages and disadvantages of increasing the logged driving time on L plates to 120 hours

- Form into 3s or 4s
- 2 minutes
- The group of three with the largest number of advantages/disadvantages reads them out
- That group has the easiest task

Advantages	Disadvantages



	Advantages		Disadvantages
A.	Less accidents	A.	Suffering fatigue
B.	More time to save up for a car	B.	Losing interest
C.	Higher levels of judgement	C.	Too long
D.	Spend more time with their family	D.	Taking time away from school/day
E.	Experiencing different conditions	E.	Lying about amount of hours
F.	Becoming a better driver	F.	Rushing (not practising)
G.	Less stress	G.	More time until you get your
Н.	More knowledge of road safety		license
<b>1.</b>	Improves self-confidence	Н.	Harder to convince people to help
J.	Gaining wisdom		you
K.	Driving for longer periods	1.	More P-platers on the road
L.	Maturity	J.	Stressful on the driver and
			instructor/s
		K.	May cost more (fuel)
		L.	Parents may be too busy



# What skills did you use to do that?

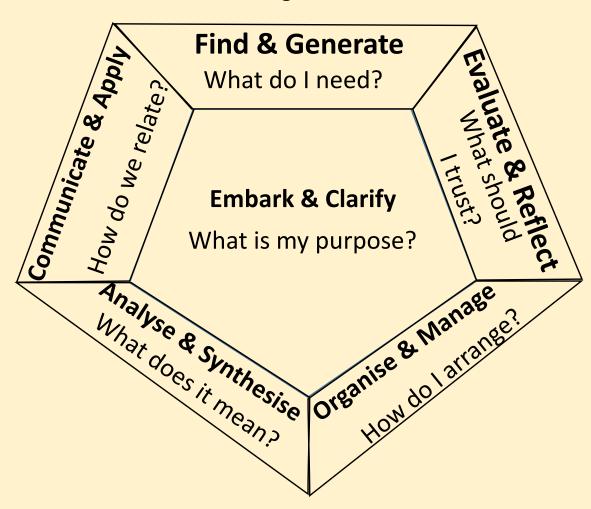
MELT Facets	Your Analysis
Embark and clarify	Brain-storming, open minded
Find and generate	Bringing ideas together (from the brain), own opinion
Evaluate and reflect	Reflecting on ideas, look at both sides
Organise and manage	Collaboration (working as a team – building on others' ideas) Social Skills, Organising ideas as a table (categorising/illustrating)
Analyse and synthesise	Critical Thinking/Analysing
Communicate and applying	Communication (listening – eye contact and not talking at the same time, verbally speaking, building upon others' arguments), responding, Writing reading



- I. Communication Skills
- II. Collaboration Skills
- III. Organization
- IV. Affective
- V. Reflection
- VI. Information literacy
- VII. Media literacy
- VIII. Critical thinking
- IX. Creative thinking
- X. Transfer

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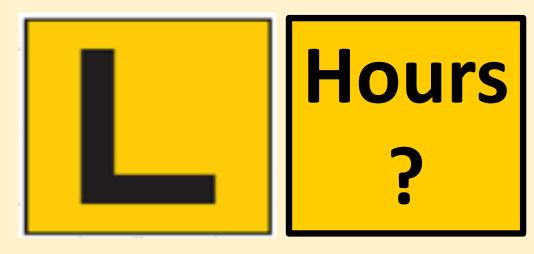
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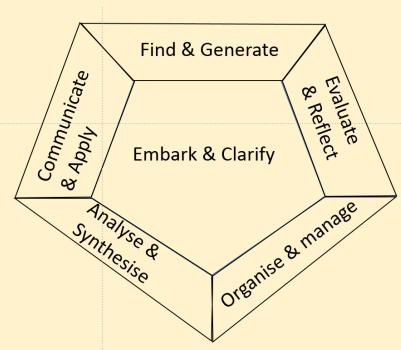
# An extract may include:

- visual thinking diagrams
- bulleted lists
- charts
- short paragraphs
- notes
- timelines, action plans
- annotated illustrations
- annotated research



# Task 2: 'L Plater' as a worked example of the PP







# Choosing Global Context for 'L Plater'

Which Global Context may be most appropriate?

- A. Personal identity and relationships
- B. Orientation in space and time
- C. Personal and cultural expression
- D. Scientific and Technical innovation
- E. Globalisation and sustainability
- F. Fairness and Development



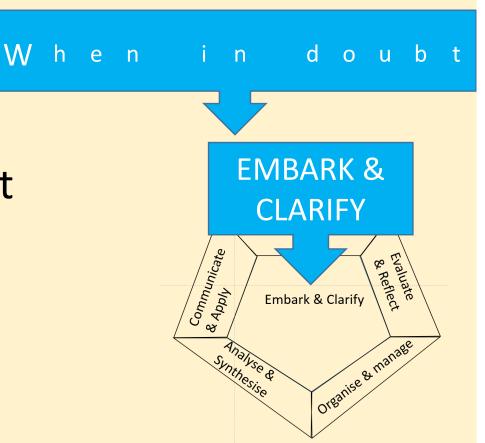
# Task 3: Your Personal Project

...lets get moving

# **Embark and Clarify**

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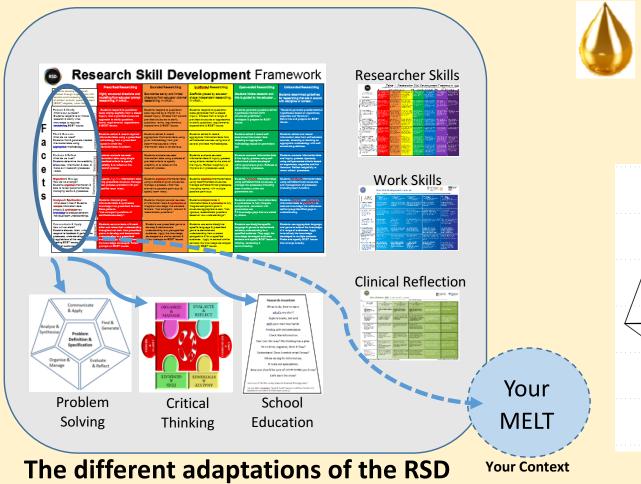
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- goal
- (research question?)
- a possible global context

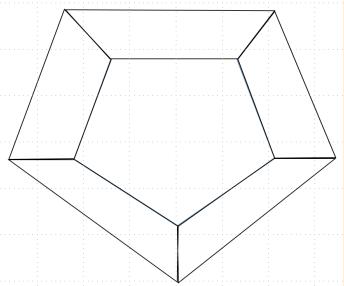




# Models of Engaged Learning and Teaching





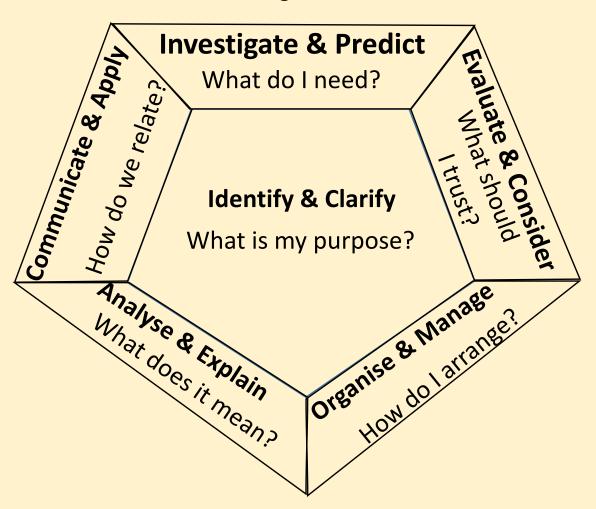


The different adaptations of the RSD that comprise the MELT



# Project-Based Learning pentagon

When in doubt, go to the centre...



Banksia Park International High School, SA



# BPIHS Year 8 Science, Maths and Technology Contamination Project: Challenge

Dr John Willison, University of Adelaide



https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2015/07/20/this-153000-rattlesnake-bite-is-everything-wrong-with-american-health-care



# What skills will you need as a team to:

- Work out the lowest % of alcohol needed
- Devise a Brand Name
- Pitch your product to BTG

PBL Facets	Your Analysis
Identify and clarify	Think ahead- have goals. Aim.
Investigate and predict	Knowing the equipment and products.
Evaluate and consider	Adaptation- if something goes wrong.
Organise and manage	Resilience- cooperation, everyone inputs. Plan
Analyse and explain	Mathematical skills eg. Calculate correct amount. Problem solving, working together as a team.
Communicate and apply	Communication- working together as a team, presenting- demonstrating, communicate with whole group, hand spreadsheet. Listening, negotiating.



# Research Skills in STEM R-7

Aldgate Primary School, 15 August, 2017

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# An Activity to Discern Research Skills











# At your table, come up with several **possible** reasons to explain what happens to make corn

- Heat expansion build up of internal pressure outer cover compresses contents then explosion
- Special man inside kernal that makes it pop when it gets hot
- Amount of liquid within corn kernal something inside kernal that activates with heat (starch?)
- Permeable membrane fresh corn more permeable moisture passes through soft skin, when dry corn less permeable so pressure builds up
- When seed dries on cob looks different than corn kernal purchased in bag?
- Would packaged kernals grow?
- Are there different kinds of corn for different purposes?
- Would packaged kernals grow if you planted them?



# What skills did you use to complete that activity?

RSD Facets	Audience's Analysis
Embark & Clarify	Reread the question, clarified understanding of question Thinking time Pondered question
Find & generate	Activate Prior knowledge
Evaluate & Reflect	Challenged peoples ideas, contemplating ideas-do I agree,
Organise & Manage	Group setup, body language to initiate group formation, inviting members to join group Consensus for writing
Analyse & Synthesise	Synthesised ideas – Started talking on an idea then idea built from each group member, the idea then consolidated for group response; - Reasoning skills
Communicate & apply	Conversing Talking and listening, gesturing, encouraging Writing



# **Essential Pedagogy**

STUDENTS ACTIONS	TEACHERS ACTIONS (to enable student actions)
Work collaboratively	Plan and deliver collaboratively
Identify and solve problems	Provoke
Investigate solutions	Engage student in their learning
Think critically	Co-constructing learning
Solve real-world problems	Connect learning to student context
Develop problem solving strategies	Allow productive struggle
Develop inquiry skills	Develop skills and dispositions
Think creatively and innovatively	Model being a learner
Become self directed learning	Plan intentionally
Communicate their learning	Encourage future thinking

### 1,2, what do I do?

How can I start? What knowledge do I need? How will I develop understanding?

### 3,4, find and explore

Where will I find information that I need?
Will I talk to someone, find information from a book, do an experiment or go online?
Are there other places where I could look?

### 5,6, judge the bits

Have I picked out the information that I need? Have I identified information that helps me answer the question?

Is my information appropriate? What information can I trust?

### 7,8, lay them straight

Have I organised my information so that I can make sense of it? Have I organized myself or my team? Am I on time? What is my plan?

### 9, 10, see the trend

Have I put the information together in a way that makes sense?

Can I see any patterns in the information?

### 11, 12, tell and delve

Have I completed cycles of D&D to test my own answers?

How will I communicate my digging and delving to an audience so that they understand them? Have I thought about not hurting others when I dig and delve?

### Research Mountain

What to do, how to start,
what's my plan?
Explore books, net and
with you own two hands.
Finding with determination

Finding with determination

Check the information

Can I see the way? My thinking has a plan.

Be on time, organise, does it flow?

Understand. Does it match what I know?

When we dig for information,

It rules out speculation,

Now you should be sure of EVERYTHING you know!

Let's start the show!

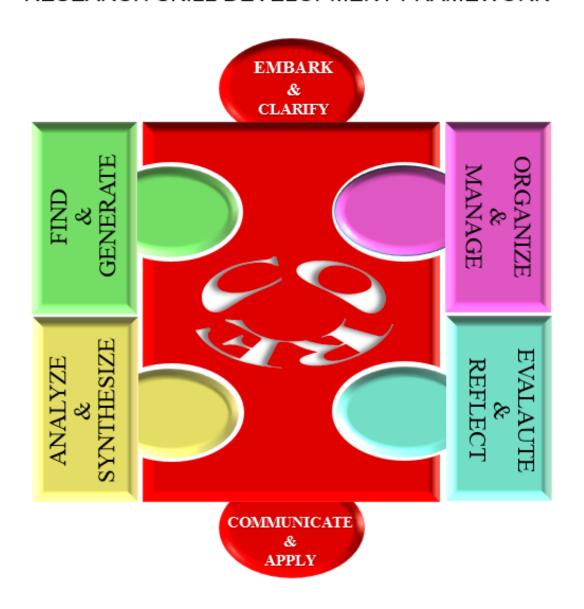
To the tune of "She'll be Coming 'Round the Mountain when She comes."

Lyrics by Marsha Seebohm, Elizabeth North Primary School music teacher, K-7, based on the six facets of the RSD: www.rsd.edu.au



### Appendix 2

### RESEARCH SKILL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

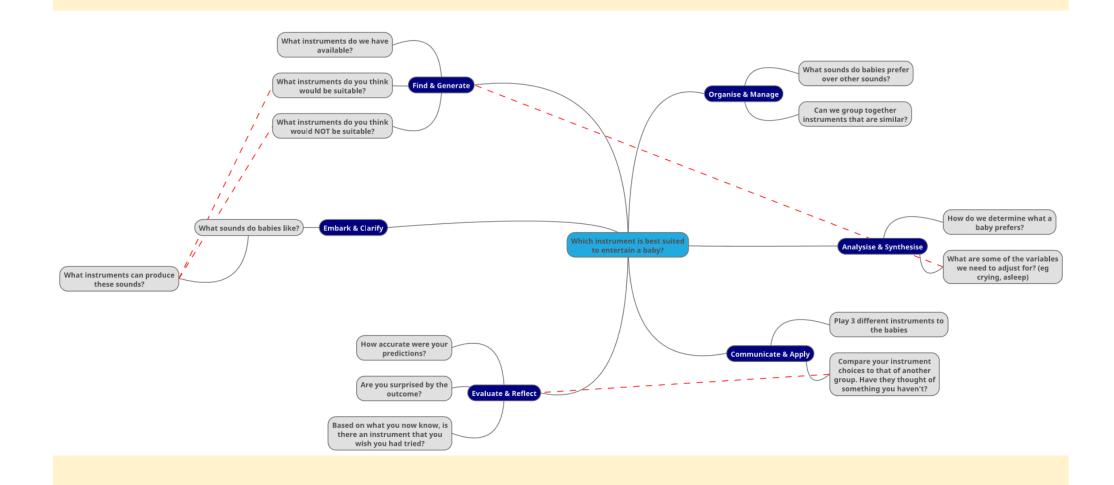




Application of *Models of Engaging Learning & Teaching* in the Primary music classroom

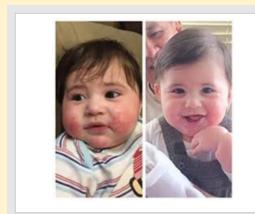


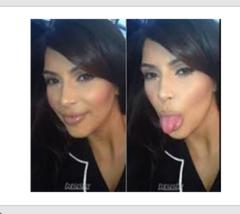
# Step 1: Mind Map





## Baby faces slideshow

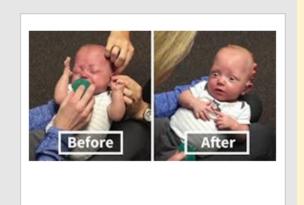






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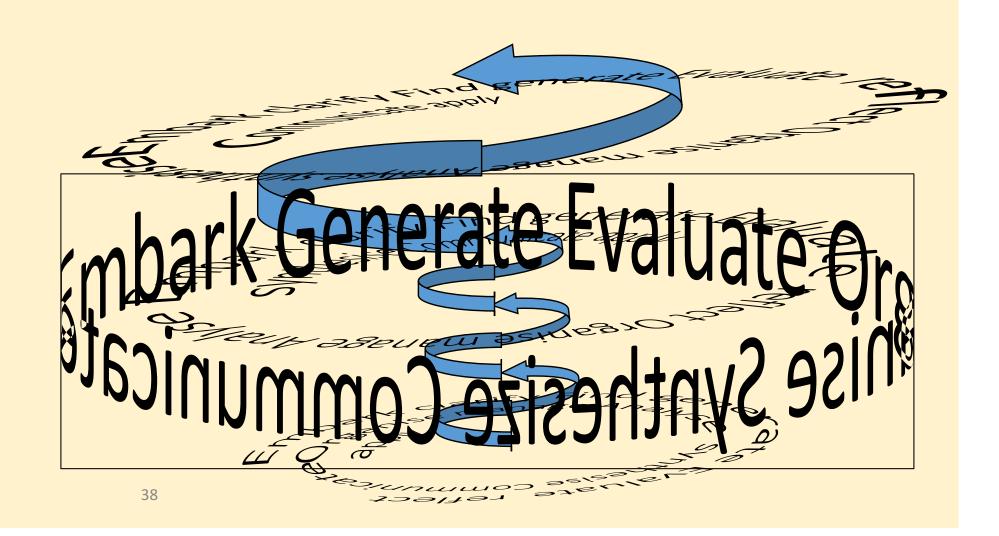
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## Facets of research (cont)

#### Progressive revisiting the same skills:

- in varying contexts
- with increasing degrees of rigour, conceptual demand





## Thinking Routines (Ritchhart, 2013)

Initially thinking routines often start off as activities, but in order to work over time they have to be seen as integrated and purposeful by the students.

Thinking routines become routines only once the edges are softened and both teachers and students can work flexibly with the routine.



# Q&A



### Possibilities

- At your table, brainstorm possibilities for MELT in your school
- Be ready to call out ideas in 5 minutes



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Now at Victoria University

## Lyn Torres

Information Research Skills Officer at Monash University

Runs workshops on MELT for schools



### MELT Ideas

Student and Staff sessions on MELT

MELT for specific initiatives eg PP or a specific Inquiry

MELT for a term- scaffolding students' skills

MELT across the terms or years

MELT between ECE primary, middle, senior secondary

MELT transitions to work

**MELT transitions to TAFE** 

MELT transitions to university



## International conference on the Models of Engaged Learning and Teaching





11-13 December 2017
National Wine Centre,
Adelaide
www.i-melt.edu.au

Fluid Thinking





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This international conference will use the Models of Engaged Learning and Teaching as conceptual centrepieces, so all presentations will use, adapt, connect or critique one or more of this family of frameworks:

- Research Skill Development (RSD and RSD7) frameworks Work Skill Development (WSD) framework
- Clinical Reflection Skills (CRS) framework
- Optimising Problem Solving (OPS) pentagon

- Critical Thinking (CT) pentagon
- Research Mountain (for children)







#### **Keynote Speakers:**

Emeritus Professor Mick Healey (Higher Education Consultant and Researcher, UK) Associate Professor Jito Vanualailai, (The University of the South Pacific, Fiji) Associate Professor Sylvia Tiala (University of Wisconsin Stout, USA) Professor Phil Levy (University of Adelaide, Australia)

#### **Information**

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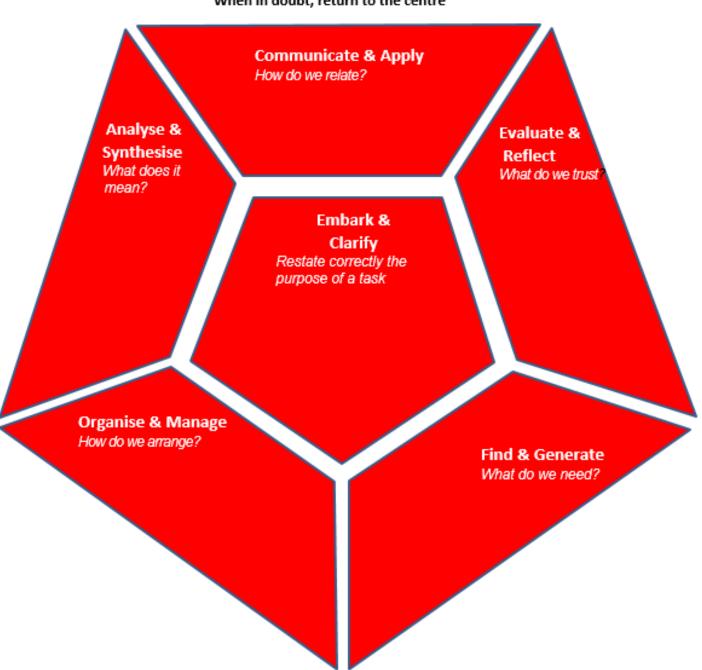
Conference Committee: John Willison & Said Al-Sarawi The University of Adelaide; Nayana Parange, University of South Australia; & Lyn Torres, Monash University. I-MELT is a culmination of Willison's National Senior Teaching Fellowship, supported by the Australian Government, Department of Education and Training.

#### **Short Papers** 1500 to 2000 words

- submissions from 1 May to 1 July, 2017
- draw on one or more of the MELT
- address one or more conference themes:
- Engaging Students and Enhancing Teaching
   WIL
- Curriculum and Assessment Design across programs
- Research-based learning Implementation models
- Transitions across formal education Researcher Education



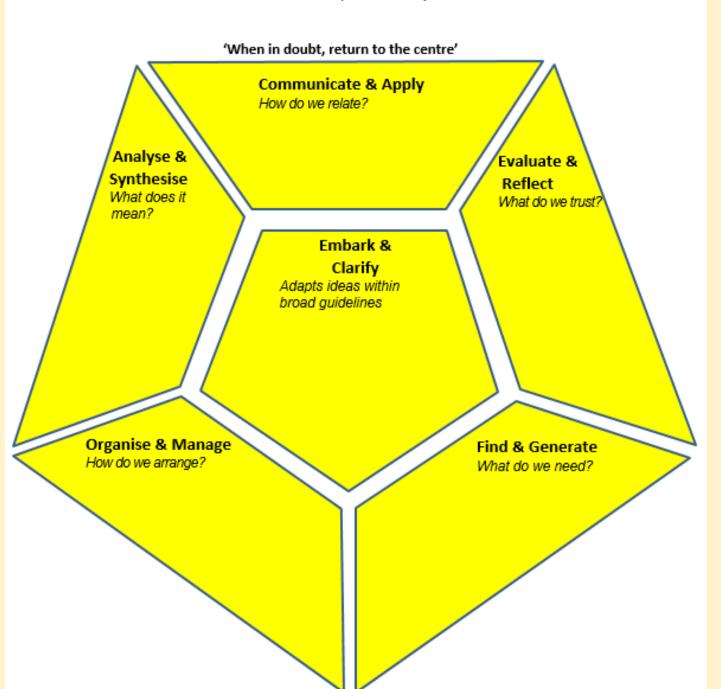
'When in doubt, return to the centre'







teachers scaffold, students improvise

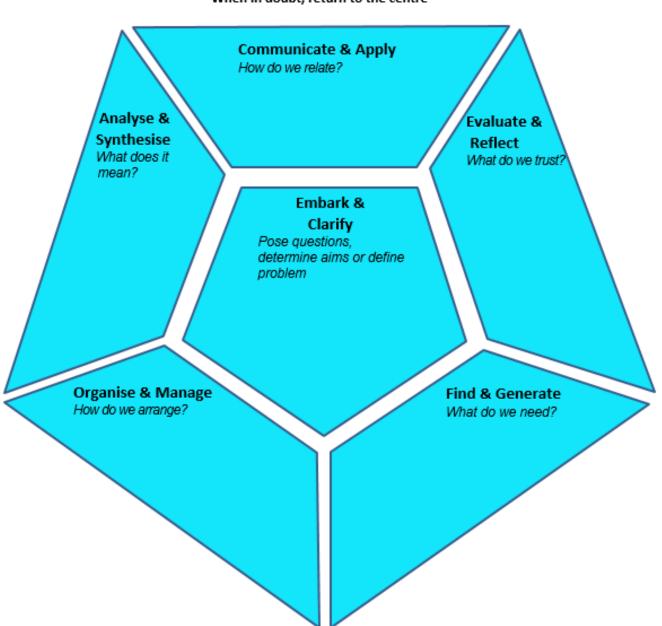




#### MELT initiate

teachers open boundaries, students initiate

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#### Models of Engaged Learning and Teaching (MELT)



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+		Student Autonomy		
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	john.willison@adelaide.edu.au	Follow	Improvise	Initiate
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	Embark & Clarify  What is our purpose? Students respond to or initiate research & clarify what knowledge is required, considering ECST issues.			
	Find & Generate What do we need? Students find & generate needed information/data using appropriate methodology.		1	
	Evaluate & Reflect What do we trust? Students determine the credibility of sources, information & data, & make own research processes visible.			
	Organise & Manage How do we arrange? Students organise information & data to reveal patterns/themes, managing teams & processes.			
	Analyse & Synthesise What does it mean? Students snalyse information/ data critically & synthesise new knowledge to produce coherent individual/team understandings.			
h	Communicate & Apply How will we relate? Students discuss, listen, write, respond to feedback & perform the processes, understandings & applications of their study heeding ECST issues and needs of audiences.			

The MEXT mentality is adaptation to fit your students' learning needs and your context. If you do adapt terminology or shape, but keep the ideas underlying the six facets, then please use the logo and provide a statement like this your model's name] is a MEXT by [your name]. [date]. See www.meit.edu.au & contact [your context. If you do adapt terminology or shape, but keep the ideas underlying the six facets, then please use the logo and provide a statement like this your model's name] is a MEXT by [your name]. [date]. See www.meit.edu.au



#### **Parameters**

- What is our purpose?
- What do we need?
- What do we trust
- How do we arrange?
- What does it mean?
- How do we relate?



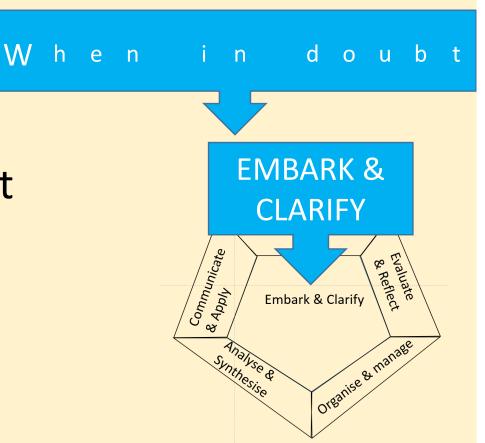
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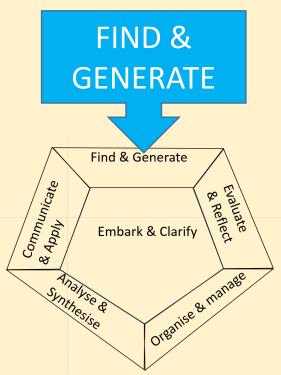




### Find and generate

What information do you need? Do you need to read around the issue? Search websites, blogs, etc?

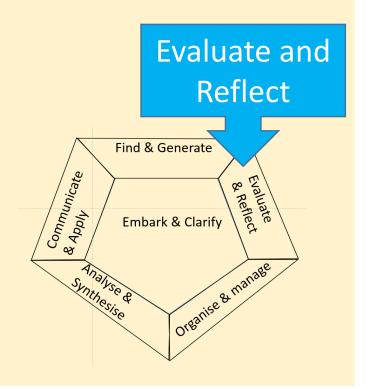
Might you need to generate data, such as interviewing drivers or observing L drivers at a local intersection?





### **Evaluate and Reflect**

- How trustworthy is the information found?
- How trustworthy is the data you generated?
- Do you believe all information by default?
- How will you work out if information is not trustworthy?
- Can you improve your work as you go?





### Organise and Manage

How can you arrange all the information so that you can see patterns?

How will you organise your time?

What is the most reader-friendly way of

Find & Generate

**ORGANISE &** 

**MANAGE** 

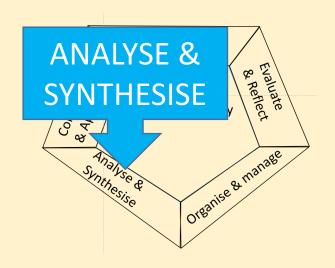
organising your report?



### Analyse and Synthesise

What does it mean?

How can you bring all the parts together in a way that makes sense?





### **Communicate and Apply**

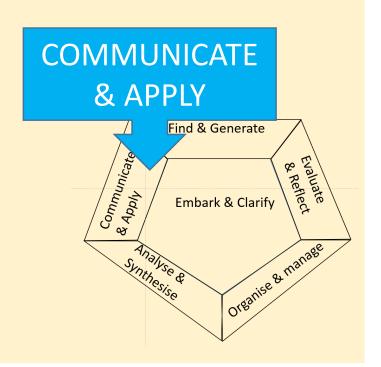
How can you relate to other people?

How can you relate your findings to

different contexts?

How can you relate what you

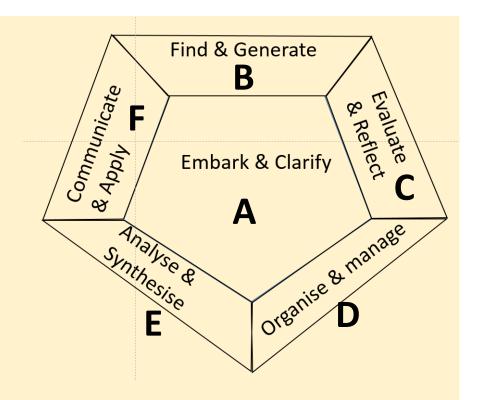
have learned to an audience?



# Apply MELT to the PP

• Group of 3 or 4

Which facet do you think will be the most difficult for the PP?



- Discuss as a group
- **Select one facet** that your group thinks may be most difficult.
- Be ready to vote and explain your answer



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