



the **ARCHIBULL** PRIZE



THE ARCHIBULL PRIZE 2017 TEACHER INTERVIEW MELINDA ADDERLEY - GRANVILLE BOYS HIGH

GRANVILLE BOYS HIGH SCHOOL, IN WESTERN SYDNEY, HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE ARCHIBULL PRIZE FOR TWO YEARS AND IN 2017 STUDIED THE WOOL INDUSTRY. AGRICULTURE TEACHER MELINDA ADDERLEY SHARES THEIR ARCHIBULL JOURNEY.

HOW AND WHY DID GRANVILLE BOYS HIGH BECOME INVOLVED WITH THE ARCHIBULL PRIZE?

I learnt about The Archibull Prize at a RAS professional learning day. I think it is important for kids to have an understanding of where their food and clothes come from and the effect agriculture has on the environment. They should know what sort of barriers are faced by farmers, because we all depend on farmers but we don't necessarily have a comprehensive understanding of what they do, or how farming has moved to address issues like biodiversity, sustainability and native vegetation.

WHAT DO YOU FEEL IS OPTIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO HAVE INVOLVED WITH PROGRAM?

We had one class involved with a couple of extras so we probably had around 20 kids, but we could have had more and next year I am planning for up to 40 students.

WHAT KLA (KEY LEARNING AREAS) COLLABORATED?

History, geography, TAS (Technical and Applied Studies) and Art all contributed to the Archibull, and that is one of the strengths of the program because if a student is not interested in art, for example, they can be part of the project through another topic they are interested in.

WHAT AREAS OF THE ARCHIBULL COULD BE IMPROVED?

I would have liked to have the Young Farming Champion come out earlier because the visit really grounds the kids and helps them solidify ideas.

You can feel like this is big and overwhelming project so some professional development for staff around the subject area would help because as a teacher, especially in a PBL (Project Based Learning) school, you are often only one step ahead of the kids.

CAN YOU TELL ME ONE THING YOU HAVE LEARNT ABOUT THE WOOL INDUSTRY THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE THE ARCHIBULL?

Our Young Farming Champion Peta Bradley told us that wool absorbs odours. She told us of a guy who wore the same woollen shirt for 27 days and it still wasn't smelly at the end of it!