

MYSCIENCE ROLES and RESPONSIBILITIES



TEACHER

- understand and communicate the objectives of the *MyScience* program to students and community
- incorporate *MyScience* into the school/class program
- welcome and support Mentors and MySTics, discuss how MyScience is being used by the class e.g. class theme
- consider using online communication methods between school visits
- build personal knowledge and understanding of the science underpinning class theme/students' topics
- communicate with parents regarding Mentors and MySTics, and provision of necessary equipment
- teach scientific investigation skills using scaffolded activities related to the class theme
- explain assessment criteria to students, provide models for planning and presenting
- suggest to students possible research topics, websites, sources of information directly relevant to the class theme
- provide support as students decide on a problem or area to investigate, ensuring they record their ideas in a log book
- assess student work using identified criteria*
- * Such as Young Scientist rubrics

STUDENT

- be able to describe the steps of the MyScience program to others
- learn the steps of Working/Investigating Scientifically by doing hands-on activities
- understand the criteria* being used to assess work
- work cooperatively as a team member and choose a problem or area to investigate that is interesting
- use appropriate communication and behavior to discuss ideas with Mentor/MySTic
- research the science behind the investigation and discuss the project with family and friends to gather more ideas
- plan and conduct investigations as well as possible, using a log book to record thinking and actions
- use lesson time and own time sensibly to complete the project on time
- take and record measurements carefully
- analyse data to look for trends and patterns
- present investigation to meet the assessment criteria*

MENTOR

- understand the objectives of the MyScience program and communicate to colleagues
- discuss with class teacher how MyScience is being used by the class e.g. class theme
- understand criteria* being used to assess work
- through group discussion, facilitate students' understanding of the scientific nature of tasks, especially in the areas such as: fair testing, critical thinking, scientific method and teamwork
- reinforce the strengths of students' ideas for investigation and suggest areas for development
- tailor support to meet students' interests, knowledge and abilities
- where possible, communicate online with students between school visits
- assist teachers to build their personal knowledge and understanding of the science underpinning students' topics

MySTic**

- understand the steps of the MyScience program
- communicate the steps of Working/Investigating Scientifically to primary students
- understand criteria* being used to assess students' work
- build personal knowledge of the science underpinning students' topic
- work cooperatively with an adult Mentor e.g. your science teacher, and with them, tailor support to meet students' interests, knowledge and abilities
- make suggestions and/or assist students to design investigations that reflect fair testing and scientific method
- suggest to students possible websites and information sources directly relevant to their investigations
- answer questions to clarify students' experimental design
- ** MySTic: MyScience Trainee in the Classroom