F.A.Q. PERSONAL PROJECTS

WHAT IS A PERSONAL PROJECT?

A Personal Project is a project designed and carried out by a student. Students identify and research an idea, plan and set criteria for success, take the necessary action and reflect on the whole experience. It is an essential part of the Middle Years Programme (MYP) and entered into within the final two years of the programme with the majority of the project to be undertaken and completed in the final year (Year 10).

DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO DO A PERSONAL PROJECT?

MYP students enter into Personal Projects in the final two years of the MYP. As Gold Creek School is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School and delivers the MYP, this is an essential part of our curriculum. A student must fulfil the requirements of the Personal Projects to be eligible for successful completion of the MYP.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN A PERSONAL PROJECT?

MYP projects help students to develop the attributes of the IB Learner Profile; provide students with an essential opportunity to demonstrate approaches to learning (ATL) skills developed through the MYP; and foster the development of independent, lifelong learners.


WHAT IS ASSESSED?

The report detailing and reflecting on the experience is the assessed part of the project. The project itself provides the experience and stimulus required to successfully complete the report. The projects are assessed in school and randomly selected samples are sent to the IB for moderation.

HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT TAKE?

The MYP recommends that students spend approximately 20 hours on their projects. This will vary due to the individual nature of the task but should be used as a guide for the size and scope of the project.

WHY IS A GLOBAL CONTEXT NEEDED?

A Global Context is used to broaden the focus of the individual inquiry. It provides connection to themes of inquiry across our common humanity. For example, a student who decides to build a vegie patch for their project is not operating individually but is working with and inquiring into Scientific and Technical Innovations in the world of agriculture.

This FAQ page will be updated regularly with questions raised by students and parents as we undertake the Personal Projects. If you have any further questions which are not addressed here, please contact Mr Paul Fitzpatrick paul.fitzpatrick@ed.act.edu.au