

Genius Hour or Passion Projects

Genius Hour allows students to explore their own passions and encourages creativity in student learning. It provides students a choice in what they learn during a set period of time (usually an hour) and allows students to research, critically think, critically analyse and develop a deep understand on their chosen topic.

Genius Hours sparks creativity and helps develop life long learners.

How to get started:

Find a topic—linked to your interest/hobbies

Ask yourself a question, examples may include:

- Can I create a website?
- How does the brain work?
- Why is it that plant grow with sun and water?
- Why do cats like catnapping
- How to make a bow? This could then lead into making a bow in your hair made from hair (can you see this is digging deeper into your project)

Some questions starters may be:

- What is the purpose of.....?
- How does work?
- How can I create.....?
- Why does?
- What is the meaning of?
- How can I become.....?

Choose a way to record your findings.

| My Genius Hour Proposal | |
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| Topic: | What supporting questions (thin) will support your inquiry? |
| Why are you passionate about or interested in this topic? | |
| What essential question (thick) is driving this project? | |