WEEK / LESSON	Australian Curriculum links	ASSESSMENT (WHAT & HOW)	Lesson steps	RESOURCES
Lesson one	Topic: Rules and laws	This lesson would be	Students sit on matt in a big circle. The teacher asks for four volunteers	A balloon, with
Balloon activity	Year 6 / Historical Skills / Chronology, terms and concepts. Key figures and events	assessed through an observational checklist. The	A) Importance of no rules Give the four students one balloon and tell them that they can do what ever they like with the balloon but cannot make up any rules.	some spare on hand in case one pops.
	that led to Australia's Federation, including	checklist would assess a child's	Discussion on what children thought about the game, and the effect that having no rules or laws have on society.	Assessment checklist
	British and American influences on Australia's system of law and government.	overall knowledge on rules and the impact they	B) Basic rules: The teacher will provide basic rules that the students in the circle have to abide by. For example the balloon can not touch the ground, you can only use your right hand to balance the ball.	
	Lesson objectives: A) Students will be able to identify the negative effect that having no	have on society. Each child would be	Discussion on how effective the game was and the effect that having basic rules have on society.	
rules or laws has on society.		provided with an opportunity to answer a	C) Too many rules. With guidance from the teacher students sitting in the circle will provide 10 funny rules in order to demonstrate the effect of implementing too	
	B) Students will identify what impact basic rules have on	question in the discussion so I	many rules. For example balance the balloon on your head whilst hopping on one leg.	
	society.	can tick of if they know or do not know the	Discussion on how effective the game was and the negative impact that having too many rules have on society.	
	C) Students will discuss the effects that having too many rules have on society.	importance of laws/rules.	D) Disabled rules (modifying laws) One of the four people in the group are blind folded and the class has to	
	D) Students will identify the implications that disabilities have on laws.	See appendix A	make up rules of how that person has to play within the group. Discussion on how effective the game was and why and impact that disabilities have on law, i.e. disabled parking. - summary of rules and effects.	

Lesson two Lobbying activity	Topic: Lobbying, candidates and preferential voting. Year 6 / Historical Skills / Chronology, terms and concepts. Key figures and events that led to Australia's Federation, including British and American influences on Australia's system of law and government. Lesson objectives: Students will implement the strategy of preferential voting. Students will work collaboratively to create an argument for their topic. Students will demonstrate and put into practice the concept of lobbying.	This lesson would be assessed through an observational checklist. The checklist would assess: - If students understand the topic of lobbying. - Students ability to lobby a topic. -how students work in a group See appendix B	The class will be split into five groups (depending on the number of students). Each group will be allocated a topic for the debate. The topics will be: - Sport school - Food school - Educational school - Music school. Each student in the group will brainstorm and discuss ideas for the topic. Students within each group will then collaborate ideas into an argument to promote their school. One student in each group will be allocated the role of candidate by their group members and will present the groups argument to the class. After all candidates have presented their arguments, each students in the class will vote for the school they would want to attend in the form of a preferential voting system. To ensure that students have grasped each of the three main concepts (lobbying, candidates and preferential voting), the students, with guidance from the teacher will summaries them. Questions "Who can describe to the class what lobbying is?" "Who knows what a candidate is and what they do?" "Who can describe what preferential voting is, and why do you think it is an effective way of voting?"	Pencils Paper (to brainstorm ideas and write arguments) Assesment checkist

Lesson Three Debating homework bills	Topic: Debating homework bill Year 6 / Historical Skills / Chronology, terms and concepts. Key figures and events that led to Australia's Federation, including British and American influences on Australia's system of law and government. Lesson objectives: Students will gain a foundational understanding of the roles and duties of the members of parliament. Students will experience the process involved in the creating and passing of a bill. Students will gain an understanding of the upper and lower houses of parliament.	To assess this lesson student's short arguments will be collected. We would assess student's initial understanding of the roles of members of parliament. See appendix A	Debating homework bill Students will take on a persona of a member of parliament and write a short argument on their views about the homework bill. Students will be separated into two groups one being the upper house and the other the lower house. The teacher will explain to students the several stages involved in passing a bill. The first stage involves the bill being presented in the lower house of parliament. The second stage involves the bill being explained in more detail and argued for or against by the members of parliament. The third stage is when changes can be made to the bill. The fourth stage: If the bill has been approved by the lower house it goes through the same process in the upper house. The teacher tells the class that now they are going to practice this with the no homework bill. Each student within each house is given a title, for example the minister of education, the minister of foreign affairs, or the minister of health. Each student takes on the role of their minister and then debates. The class will vote with a show of hands to pass the bill.	Paper Tables Chairs Parliament signs: - Upper house - Lower house.
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Lesson Four Local, state, and federal government safari.	Year 6 / Historical Skills / Chronology, terms and concepts. Key figures and events that led to Australia's Federation, including British and American influences on Australia's system of law and government. Lesson objectives: Student will be able to define the three levels of government. Students will give examples of the tasks involved in each of the three levels of government.	Student's tables will be collected to assess their understanding of the three levels of government. See appendix A	Show students a map of Australia and indicate the areas where the local, state and federal government are active, with a brief explanation. Prior to the lesson the teacher would have set up the classroom with words, objects and pictures of the areas the three levels of government are involved in. For example: Local government Rubbish disposal, Swimming pools, libraries, footpaths, parking areas, parks and ovals and building approvals (such as cubby house). State government Schools, hospitals, police force, making roads, public transport, housing estates, aboriginal welfare. Federal government Taxation, Immigration, Defence, Money supply, relations with other countries, Lighthouses, social security payment. Students will silently walk around the class with a table containing the headings local, state and federal governments. Student will sort the objects, pictures and words into one of the three categories. At the front of the classroom will be three signs saying local, state and federal government. The teacher, with guidance from the students, can place the pictures, words and objects under the three appropriate titles.	Local, State and Federal signs. Objects, pictures and words relating to the duties. Create and print the categorising table. (appendix C)
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that led to Australia's Federation, including British and American influences on Australia's system of law and government. Students will be assessed on their advertising campaign. They will be assessed Students will be passed. Students will be asked to also tell us which form of government this new law would fall under (local, state or federal). Students will be assessed on their advertising Campaign. They will be assessed Students will present their advertisements to the class. be analysed as examples of effective government advertising. Funny campaing Against smoking www.youtube. come/watch?v=	Lesson five	Federation, including British and American influences on Australia's system of law and government. Lesson objectives: Students will be able to effectively analyse an ad in terms of lighting, target audience, etc. Student will bring together ideas to formulate an effective	assessed on their advertising campaign. They will be assessed on the ad's originality and	Students will be asked to also tell us which form of government this new law would fall under (local, state or federal).	examples of effective government advertising. Funny campaing Against smoking www.youtube. come/watch?v= mz0N-jVrRWU& NR=1 Stop smoking – funny ad www.youtube. come/watch?v= Olf3Ryr6jrw&N R=1 Funny anti- smoking ad www.youtube.
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APPENDIX A

Government Assessment rubric

	Lesson one	Lesson three	Lesson four	Lesson five	Lesson five	
Students	Identifies the impact laws have on society.	Identifies the roles of members of parliament.	Students ability to define and give examples of the three levels of government.	Students will be able to effectively analyse an ad in terms of lighting, target audience, etc.	Student will bring together ideas to formulate an effective advertising campaign.	Notes:

APPENDIX B

Topic: Lobbying, candidates and preferential voting.

	Names	Ability to lobby a topic	Oral skills	Collaborative work	Ideas for future planning
Sport School					- -
Food School					-
School					
Educational					
School					-
Art School					
The School					- -
Music School					-
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