

Year 7 – Circuits and Arduino 70min Lesson 3

Learning Intentions	Lesson Outcomes	
 Students recognise the need for a complete circuit to allow the flow of electricity Students explore the features of a breadboard circuit including, wires, resistors, LED lights and battery packs Students explore the features of an Arduino and follow and modify algorithms to turn RGB LEDs on and off Students experiment with loops and create solutions to challenges 	 Revise Computational Thinking Learn the components of a circuit Describe how an electrical circuit works and safety considerations Assemble a breadboard circuit with resistor and LED lights Create algorithms for Arduino to turn RGB LEDs on and off Work collaboratively to complete the tasks 	
Australian Curriculum Content	Australian Curriculum General	
Descriptors	Capabilities	
Digital technologies Design algorithms represented diagrammatically and in English, and trace algorithms to predict output for a given input and to identify errors (ACTDIP029)	Critical and creative thinking – generating ideas, possibilities and actions Critical and creative thinking – generating ideas, possibilities and actions Personal and social capability – Social management ICT capability – managing and operating ICT	

Assessment

Formative assessment

Observations and feedback on understanding of electrical circuits and coding algorithms.

Phase/Slide	Learning Activity	Resources
Slide 1 - 3	 Greetings Introduction Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians Lesson outcomes 	PowerPoint
Slide 4-5 Engage	 Revise Computational thinking Discuss the concepts and approaches they will use in the lesson today 	PowerPoint

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Phase/Slide	Learning Activity	Resources
Slide 6 – 9 Engage	 What makes the light go on? Explain electrical energy Explain what makes a circuit work Explain voltage flow 	PowerPoint
Slide 10 – 13 Explain	 Explain a basic circuit – include information on symbols for resistor and LED Explain a short circuit Explain an open circuit Describe the difference between conductors and insulators 	PowerPoint
Slide 14 – 21 Explain	 Discuss safety issues with the activity Explain what a breadboard is and its functions Explain what a resistor is and its functions Explain what an LED and RGB LED is and its functions Describe and model how to wire up the circuit 	PowerPoint
Slide 22 Explore	 Ask students to look at the circuit and hypothesise what colour the RBG LED will light up Ask students to explain their decision 	Example circuit on the PowerPoint
Slide 23 - 24 Explore Evaluate	 Assist students to wire up the board using the diagram 1 x RGB LED wired to be Red 1 x RGB LED wired to be Green 1 x RGB LED wired to be Blue Set challenges for the students to solve in groups 	PowerPoint Arduino kits for students
Slide 25 - 26 Engage	 Getting to know the Arduino Reset breadboard to original design of one LED and pull out the battery back from the breadboard Show Arduino board and discuss major principles 	PowerPoint
Slide 27 Explain	 Analogue vs digital Analogue can vary and be any value between set limits of voltage Digital can be on or off/5 volts or 0 volts/HIGH or LOW 	PowerPoint



Phase/Slide	Learning Activity	Resources
Slide 28-35 Explain	 Using code to turn the lights on and off Open Arduino software on computers Explain the loop Explain to compile code and upload to Arduino Explain to check it is programed for Arduino Uno Explain input and output 	PowerPoint Computer with Arduino IDE
Slide 36 Explore	 Write code in software as displayed on PowerPoint Discuss what happened Discuss any troubleshooting 	PowerPoint Example circuit using Arduino board, resistor and RGB LED light Arduino kits for students Computer with Arduino IDE
Slide 37-38 Elaborate	 Set students to complete challenge #1 and #2 by rewiring their breadboard and Arduino and modifying the algorithm from the initial task Challenge #3 the students to choose something different for the RGB LED lights to do Students need to write down their new challenge and the changes needed to be made to the code 	PowerPoint Arduino kits for students Computer with Arduino IDE
Slide 39 Evaluate	Time permitting – students walk around classroom and see how other groups have set up their own circuit	PowerPoint
Slide 40-42 Evaluate	 Work in groups, write down 5 things that have been the most important things you have learnt today Write down code used today Pack up the kits Acknowledgements Any questions 	PowerPoint Workbooks Arduino kits for students