

Film making

When making your movie you will need to think about ALL of the following things before you begin filming:

1. Planning

Your film needs to be planned properly. Just starting the camera and hoping everything will run smoothly is very unlikely to work. Make sure you have thought about everything on this sheet before you start to film. And make notes about all your planning - these will come in very handy down the track.

2. Film type

The first things you will need to decide is "What kind of film will you make?" and "What will it be about?" You can choose between making a documentary, an animation and a short story. If you have another idea that you'd really like to do, check with your teacher. It's then time to think about the content of your film!

3. Content

Now that you've decided what type of film you are going to make, you need to think about what your film will be about. You can use some of the suggestions we have made, or you can use your own ideas. Some other things you should also think about now include:

- How will you grab the attention of your audience?
- Will you be using all your own footage or will you be using footage from elsewhere (you can use any of the images from the Cool Australia Toolbox and your school might have pictures and video you can use, but check with your teacher before you take images from the Internet)?

4. Script

Once you have decided on the content of your film, you will need to work together to write a script for your film. Try to make sure that all the members of your group have the chance to contribute to the script and get an even chance of speaking. Once you have written and checked your script carefully, you can begin learning your lines and rehearsing.



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5. Location

Where will your film be set? Where will you do your filming? Will you need to film inside somewhere at your school? Or will you need to film outside? If you're filming outside, how might the weather affect your filming? Does it matter if it's cloudy or rainy? What will you do if it's too windy to film? You might consider using images on the whiteboard as backgrounds if necessary.

6. Props

Now that your script is written and you've chosen your location, you can think about what sorts of props you might need. You should try to use props that are easy to find in the classroom or that are easy to make at school.

7. Sound

Will you need any sound effects or any music in your film? Where will you get these from or how will you make them? You might find websites or apps that offer sound effects or you can make your own. And you can make or use your own music.

8. Titles and credits

All films have credits at the end, and titles at the beginning. Who will you thank in your film (don't forget the musicians)? How will you include titles and credits? You can create your own titles and credits using a computer-based film-making program, or you can draw them on paper or on the board.

9. Advertising

Once you have made your film, you will need to advertise it. Consider making a poster that explains why everyone **MUST** see your film!

