



Boroowa Central School
Community and Family Studies
HSC ASSESSMENT TASK 1
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

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Class:

| Presentation of Task | Mark | Comments |
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| Project Proposal | 5 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presents the topic area ▪ Recognises why you chose the topic. ▪ Outlines how the topic relates to the CA FS course content. ▪ Puts forward the research question or hypothesis. ▪ Offers an explanation of how you developed that question or hypothesis. ▪ States the methodologies (including the sampling methods) you will use and why. ▪ Addresses any ethical issues you might face, and the strategies you will use to overcome them. ▪ Lists the sources of data, resources and actions you will use in conducting your research. ▪ Timeline is clear and detailed | | |
| Project Diary | 5 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clearly comments on research process and feelings involved in completing the IRP ▪ Record of thoughts with regular dated entries ▪ Evidence of questionnaires and interview ▪ Problems encountered and possible solutions ▪ Ways to improve for next time | | |
| Report Section | | |
| The report should be presented clearly, in a logical sequence and with following components: | | |
| Title Page | 2 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developed a title page focusing on the topic of report ▪ Added interesting pictures to capture the attention of the reader ▪ Included name, class, date due and teacher | | |
| Contents | 2 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All pages listing items in report ▪ Written in sections ▪ Pages numbered | | |
| Acknowledgements | 2 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noted all people who participated in research ▪ Gained permission to note names in report ▪ Included an explanation of what they assisted with ▪ Included a description on how the person or people assisted | | |
| Abstract (½ - 1 page) | 3 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outlined the topic, aim and purpose of the research ▪ Provided summary of report (methodologies, sources of data) ▪ Presented findings of research (major findings and conclusion) | | |

Body of the Report

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| Body of the Report | | |
| Introduction (1 page) | 3 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Described the topic ▪ Outlined the background to selection of topic (why it was chosen) ▪ Highlighted the research question/hypothesis (what the researcher expects to find out) ▪ Explain how it is related to CAFS | | |
| Literature Review | 6 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summary of existing data that is relevant to the topic (at least 5) ▪ Complete a resource scaffold for each (see appendix 1) for all five which includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↳ Positive and negative aspects of each of each ↳ Analysis of secondary resources ↳ Relevance of literature checked ↳ Relevant quotes/statistics to support research | | |
| Methodologies (1-2 pages) | 5 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Description of the types of methods used to collect data (clearly outlines sampling and amount surveyed). You need to describe all methods even if you didn't use them and explain why you didn't use them – WHO, WHAT, WHERE AND WHY ▪ Sequence steps followed to collect data (provides the reader with the complete picture of the process undertaken) | | |
| Results (4 pages max) | 5 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presented primary data collected in graphs, tables, charts ▪ Descriptions of each – not an analysis ▪ Use of appropriate graphs | | |
| Analysis and Discussion (1 ½ - 2 page) | 8 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Results interpreted both for and against the hypothesis (why the results came out the way they did) ▪ Discussion of results (links primary to secondary research) ▪ Shows the relationship between the data and the hypothesis/questions) what does your data tell in relation to your question/hypothesis (trends/patterns) and the impact ▪ Express opinions of research | | |
| Summary and Conclusion (1 page min) | 3 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summary of the findings (no new information) ▪ Conclusions drawn from the research with problems encountered with ways to improve for next time (recommendations for future research) ▪ Outcome of the investigation stated (an answer to the hypothesis/question) | | |
| End of Body of Report | | |
| Bibliography/ Referencing | 3 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All references cited in alphabetical order ▪ Listed all components of Harvard Referencing ▪ In text referencing | | |
| Appendix | 3 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Included all items referred to in research, even those that are not necessarily used in the report ▪ Interview and personal communication transcripts included ▪ Interview, survey, questionnaire added ▪ All source clearly labelled, easy to refer to throughout IRP | | |
| TOTAL /45: | 45 | |
| IRP TOTAL | 20% | |
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