

ACTIVATE 2021 – PRE/POST-PROGRAM STUDENT SURVEY

At Future Anything, as part of our Activate program, we pre- and post-test students on their understanding of their own proficiency in each of the key skills: Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Innovation and Adaptive Mindset. Below are examples of these surveys.

COMMUNICATION

Good communication is the ability to speak clearly, listen actively and change how you communicate for different audiences. Good communicators can express thoughts, opinions, and information in different ways to suit different people.

- ▲ **I understand what it takes to be a good communicator.**
 - Not yet - I'm still learning
 - Making a start - I have some understanding
 - Getting there - I have a good understanding but I'm not sure why it's important
 - Totally got this - I have a strong understanding and know why it's important.

- ▲ **I can come up with different ways to communicate my ideas (This might include using different formats [i.e. spoken, written, visual] styles [i.e. formal, informal, artistic] or using different technologies.**
 - Not yet - I can't do this yet
 - Making a start - I can do this sometimes but often need support
 - Getting there - I usually know how to do this.
 - Totally got this - I almost always know how to do this.

- ▲ **I use my communication skills to help different people understand my ideas (e.g. friends, teachers, parents, people who speak a different language)**
 - Not yet - I can't do this yet
 - Making a start - I can do this sometimes but often need support
 - Getting there - I usually know how to do this.
 - Totally got this - I almost always know how to do this.

COLLABORATION

Good collaboration is the ability to work with different people, build relationship and contribute to achieving shared goals.

- ▲ **I understand what it takes to be a good collaborator.**
 - Not yet - I'm still learning
 - Making a start - I have some understanding
 - Getting there - I have a good understanding but I'm not sure why it's important
 - Totally got this - I have a strong understanding and know why it's important.

- ^ **I can build relationships and work with different types of people.**
 - Not yet - I can't do this yet
 - Making a start - I can do this sometimes but often need support
 - Getting there - I usually know how to do this.
 - Totally got this - I almost always know how to do this.

- ^ **I use my collaboration skills to solve problems in a team in a way that meets everyone's needs.**
 - Not yet - I can't do this yet
 - Making a start - I can do this sometimes but often need support
 - Getting there - I usually know how to do this.
 - Totally got this - I almost always know how to do this.

CRITICAL THINKING

Good critical thinking is the ability to make decisions or judgements based on a range of different information. Good critical thinkers question information (*who is saying this and why?*), look at different opinions or perspectives on an issue and challenge their own thoughts and ideas (*why do I think this way?*).

- ^ **I understand what it takes to be a good critical thinker**
 - Not yet - I'm still learning
 - Making a start - I have some understanding
 - Getting there - I have a good understanding but I'm not sure why it's important
 - Totally got this - I have a strong understanding and know why it's important.

- ^ **I can identify different opinions or perspectives on an issue from a range of information sources.** (e.g. newspaper, TV, social media, friends, and family).
 - Not yet - I can't do this yet
 - Making a start - I can do this sometimes but often need support
 - Getting there - I usually know how to do this.
 - Totally got this - I almost always know how to do this.

- ^ **I use my critical thinking skills to make informed decisions and judgements.**
 - Not yet - I can't do this yet
 - Making a start - I can do this sometimes but often need support
 - Getting there - I usually know how to do this.
 - Totally got this - I almost always know how to do this.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Good problem solving is the ability to understand and define a problem, identify links with other issues or information and come up with and communicate possible solutions.

- ▲ **I understand what it takes to be a good problem solver.**
 - Not yet - I'm still learning
 - Making a start - I have some understanding
 - Getting there - I have a good understanding but I'm not sure why it's important
 - Totally got this - I have a strong understanding and know why it's important.

- ▲ **I can investigate problems and come up with possible solutions.**
 - Not yet - I can't do this yet
 - Making a start - I can do this sometimes but often need support
 - Getting there - I usually know how to do this.
 - Totally got this - I almost always know how to do this.

- ▲ **I use my problem solving skills to understand and solve complex problems**
 - Not yet - I can't do this yet
 - Making a start - I can do this sometimes but often need support
 - Getting there - I usually know how to do this.
 - Totally got this - I almost always know how to do this.

INNOVATION

To be innovative is the ability to imagine new possibilities, come up with new ideas and turn them into reality. Innovators challenge the way we do things, see opportunities for improvement and are willing to try and test new ideas (even if they don't always work).

- ▲ **I understand what it takes to be innovative.**
 - Not yet - I'm still learning
 - Making a start - I have some understanding
 - Getting there - I have a good understanding but I'm not sure why it's important
 - Totally got this - I have a strong understanding and know why it's important.

- ▲ **I can come up with ideas and turn them into reality.**
 - Not yet - I can't do this yet
 - Making a start - I can do this sometimes but often need support
 - Getting there - I usually know how to do this.
 - Totally got this - I almost always know how to do this.

- ▲ **I use my innovation skills to find opportunities to test new ideas and learn.**
 - Not yet - I can't do this yet
 - Making a start - I can do this sometimes but often need support
 - Getting there - I usually know how to do this.
 - Totally got this - I almost always know how to do this.

ADAPTIVE MINDSET

An adaptive mindset is the ability to adjust to change and bounce back from setbacks. People with an adaptive mindset can stay curious and positive even when they are under pressure or through disruption.

- ▲ **I understand what it takes to have an adaptive mindset.**
 - Not yet - I'm still learning
 - Making a start - I have some understanding
 - Getting there - I have a good understanding but I'm not sure why it's important
 - Totally got this - I have a strong understanding and know why it's important.

- ▲ **I can bounce back quickly from setbacks or changes in life.**
 - Not yet - I can't do this yet
 - Making a start - I can do this sometimes but often need support
 - Getting there - I usually know how to do this.
 - Totally got this - I almost always know how to do this.

- ▲ **I use my positive and curious attitude to work through times of high pressure or disruption.**
 - Not yet - I can't do this yet
 - Making a start - I can do this sometimes but often need support
 - Getting there - I usually know how to do this.
 - Totally got this - I almost always know how to do this.