



Visioning – for students

What is a vision?

A vision is a positive statement about how you want your future to be. Visions are personal, but sometimes people get together and form a group (collaborative) vision to change the actions and behaviours of many people.

Why is a vision important?

A vision is important as it encourages and motivates people to behave in a certain way. A vision means that more people are likely to participate in the desired behaviour as they can 'see' what the intended future is. Having a collaborative vision also means that everyone is working towards achieving the same future.

What is an example of a vision?

Research famous people (such as Martin Luther King and Eddie Mabo) as examples of visionaries who changed behaviours and attitudes and worked towards achieving a new future.

UNESCO has also developed a vision for the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

An example vision of a litter-free school community could be:

'Our school looks clean, has happy people, and everyone feels comfortable.'

Forming our personal vision

When forming a vision it is important to keep in mind the headings 'Feels like', 'Sounds like', and 'Looks like'.

Close your eyes and think of things that you would like to feel, see, and look at in your future, particularly at school.

Record this by either writing down the words, drawing a picture of your desired future, doing a mind map etc.

There is no right or wrong answer as this is how YOU would like to see your future.



Collaborating to form a class vision about your school

Form groups of three, and share your personal visions with each other.

Select a couple of words from each vision that you would like in your future, keeping in mind 'feels like', 'sounds like', and 'looks like'.

In small groups discuss these words and try to form a statement, using the words that are most important, to form a vision for your small group.

Share your group vision with the class, and listen to the visions of other groups. Work together to select words that are common among the visions. Use these words to create a class vision statement that reflects what you would like your school to look like.

With this combined vision create posters, poems, songs, presentations etc. so that you can share your vision with the rest of the school and the community.