



TITLE: Patterns under the water at the Bluff.

SUBJECT: Relief Printmaking

OBJECTIVE:

Students are to look at web sites and explore and discuss the appearance of the different living creatures, including plankton. Then look at the beautiful patterns that are found in these diverse groups in the Ocean at Barwon Heads Bluff.

- [Life Above the Waves](#)
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Students will Design and Print their own Lino print.

MATERIALS:

- Web Sites
- Student examples (optional)
- Linoleum
- Lino cutting tools
- Water soluble printing ink
- Litho A4 paper
- Burnishers eg. Desert spoons or Printing Press
- Colored markers or crayons

Time Required: 2 1/2hrs. to 3 weeks



PROCEDURE:

- Plan your idea. Create at least three thumbnail sketches of ideas. Choose the best one and create a rough draft that is the same size as the linoleum.
- Make a photocopy of the rough draft and plan the colors; decide on 4 to 5 colors to use in the print. (One color will be the color of the paper and the others will be black ink. Then colored in partly with colored water colors/ gouache paint}. Make a color rough draft.
- Transfer the drawing from the rough draft to the linoleum with carbon paper and then trace the lines again on the linoleum with a Texta. (Carbon lines will wear off before the project is complete)
- Fill in the area to be cut (the color of the paper) with texta to insure mistakes are not made in the cutting.
- Carve away this area, being careful to always cut away from your body and hand. (Heating the linoleum with a blower heater makes the cutting much easier and safer.)
- Ink the linoleum with a dark water based ink color.
- Lay the inked linoleum on the paper and trace around the edges to register the print.
- Flip the linoleum over and apply pressure to the paper to transfer the ink. Lift the corners of the paper away from the linoleum to check the print. Add more ink if needed and continue pressing until you are satisfied with the transfer
- Clean the linoleum after the printing is complete and allow it to dry.
- Sign, title, and edition number the prints.

These prints can be used as front covers for a variety of promotional products. Such as greeting cards, that encourages people to enjoy as well as protect their coastal environment.