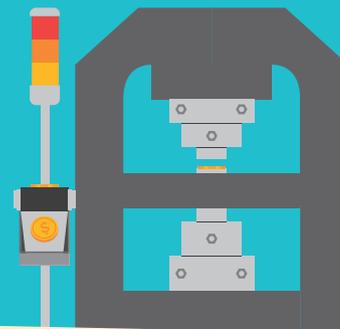


Upper Primary (Years 5 & 6)

Australian Coin History & Modern STEM-Related Processes



Activities for Home!

Advertising the Changeover!

It's 1965 and you're in charge of letting the entire country know we're changing over to decimal currency.

How would you advertise this change to everyone? Create a poster or a PowerPoint presentation with your ideas.

Amazing Alloys

In 2021, we make the coins in your pocket out of different alloys of copper, nickel, bronze and aluminium.

If you could choose a different metal for us to make coins out of, what would it be and why? Taking into consideration production costs, safety and availability, make a pros and cons list of your new metal choice versus our current alloys.

The Gold Governor

Imagine this: You're in charge of a colony in 1850. Everyone needs money but there is no money. BUT! There is gold.

What are you, as Governor, going to do to pay people in a fair, straight-forward and futureproof way? Put together a short speech detailing your plan.

The Future Face of Money

Draw, by hand or on the computer, what you think money might look like when you're 50 years old.

Design Your Own Coin

Create a poster or PowerPoint presentation about what you would put on an Australian coin and why. It could be a person, event or anniversary!

Minting Internationally

The Royal Australian Mint makes coins for other countries, not just Australia! Create a pitch for a country of your choice on why the Royal Australian Mint is the best place to mint their coins.

DIY Coin Press

Create your own coin press using materials you have at home.

Make sure you have a die (a stamp), a blank (a coin) and a pressing mechanism.

Bartering Systems

Before colonial settlement, First Nations people would use a bartering system to trade goods and services.

Make a list of the ways in which you employ bartering to trade for things in your day to day life.

Ask an Engineer!

Develop a list of questions to ask an Engineer at the Royal Australian Mint.

Think about the challenges they may face, processes they follow, and key events in their career.

