

TEACHING SCULPTURE ENCOURAGING THE FUN AND EMBRACING THE MESS



Works by Rosa Boyd

JUNIOR SCHOOL - tips and tricks to engage with sculpture

- What do you currently teach? Does this lend itself to extension in a new field of practice?
- Have you seen any sculptural works lately that you feel would be accessible to younger students?
- Are you looking for ways to encourage your students to work collaboratively?
- Be sure to trial a sculptural approach yourself first to nut out any difficulties before getting into the classroom!







Flower Tree, 2004

Flower Chandelier, 2011

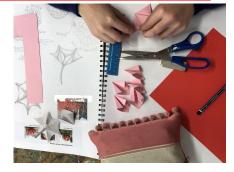
CHOI JEONG HWA

Observational drawing moving into 3-dimensions













RICKY SWALLOW

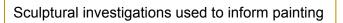




Vacated Campers, 2000

Peugeot Taipan, Commemorative Model (Discontinued Line), 1999





MICHAEL SHEPHERD



The Shuttlecock, 1981



Still Life with Toy Parachute, 1980





















Landscape studies developed into sculpture

BRENDON WILKINSON





Souvenir, 2000

Catch O' the Day, 1999

Y11 - SCULPTURE AT LEVEL 1

• We offer a teacher directed programme at Level 1 at our school as a scaffolding strategy.

• We use sculpture as one of the two fields of practice (1.3) in our predominantly painting-based Level 1 programme.

• This offers students an experience with 3-dimensional making.

• Refreshing break for students who find observational drawing difficult.

PETER CALLESEN



Castle, 2007

RICHARD REDDAWAY



Clouds, 2010









Materials: Printed paper



JOANNA LANGFORD



Brave Days, 2008



Beyond Nowhere, 2006





Materials: kebab sticks, newsprint, tissue, brown paper





FRANCIS UPRITCHARD





Men Who Pass, 2006

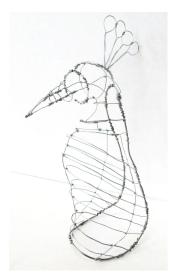
Men Who Hongi, 2006

Jelous Saboteurs, 2005







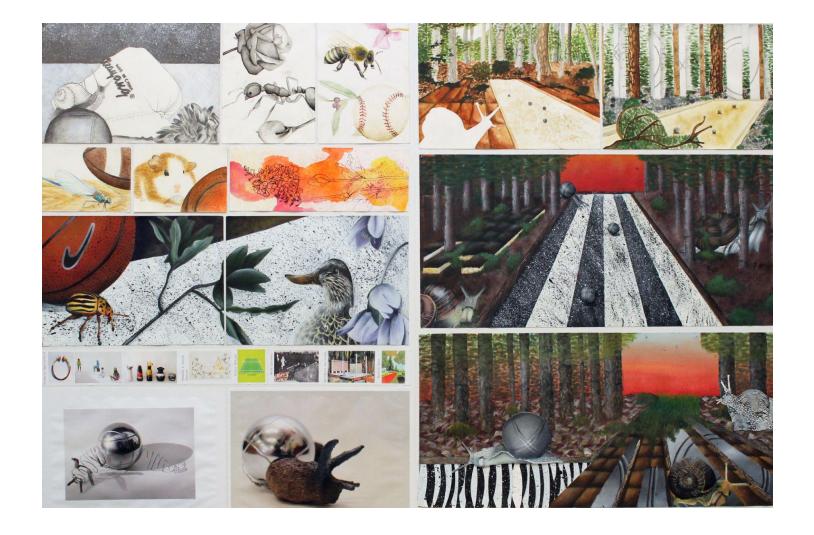




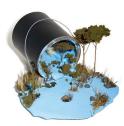




Materials: wire, tissue, wax, paint



GREGORY EUCLIDE







Other Worldly, 2011



Materials: found object, card, tissue, glue, paint, natural items











OLLANSKI



Christmas Around the World, 2015



Euroman, 2019

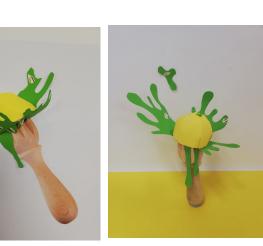




Materials: card, tape, gluestick







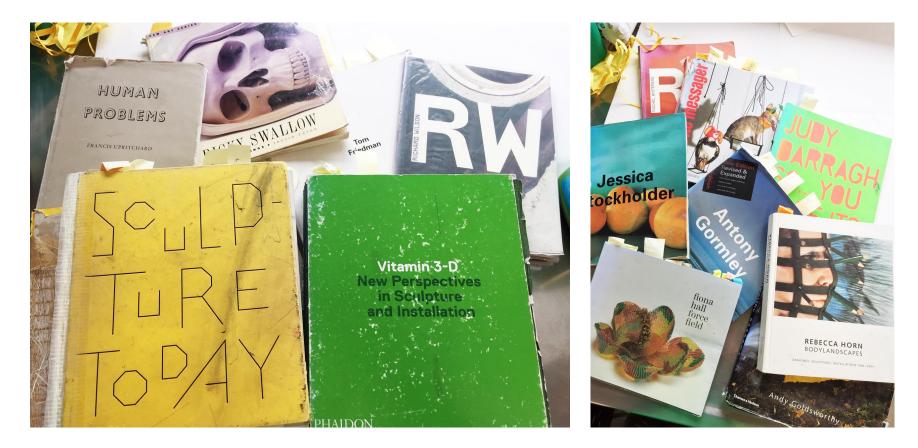




TRANSITION - SCULPTURE AS A SUBJECT

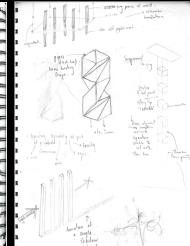
- Students direct their own inquiries based on their artist model research (2.1).
- If you can spot them early, great thinkers and risk-takers often make great sculptors. Find them in Level 1 and get them excited.
- Your future Sculpture students may not have been at the top of their game in Level 1 - often mine are not traditionally strong drawers, but tend to think outside the box.
- Our classes are combined with Painting as our numbers are too small for a stand-alone class.
- If possible, I would recommend a multi-level class in the same subject area Level 3 students encourage and support Level 2s. It's a great dynamic!

THE IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH



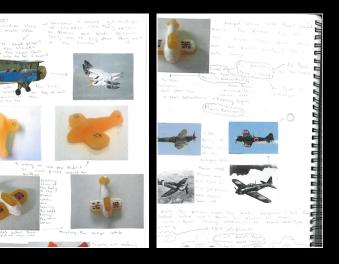






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SOME APPROACHES TO SCULPTURE THAT OFTEN WORK WELL FOR US:

• Power of materials

• Manipulated objects

• Installation / Intervention

• Personal reflection

POWER OF MATERIALS - Where the material feeds into the inquiry

- Experiment with materials with purpose - why are you using the materials you have chosen? what relationships do they have with the subject matter you are investigating conceptual / aesthetics / functional





Bryony Cunningham-Pow Y13

Leticia Durant Y12



Ameera Clayton Y13



Julia Ashley Y13







Megan Brady Y13

MANIPULATION OF FOUND OBJECTS

Many of my students enjoy changing objects from their world. Often for these students it is about having fabrication skills so good that the changes they make are almost believable.





Megan Brady Y12

Holly Morse Y13





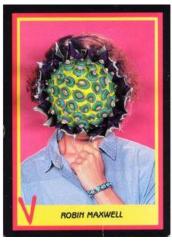




Holly Morse Y13



Olive White-Yule Y12



Rohan Whealleans Robin, 2013



Maike Herbig Y12













INSTALLATION / INTERVENTION

- If your students have access to potential sites relating to their subject matter, support them to have a go at installation.
- If they are doing it at school and it interferes with buildings or access they will likely need permission from SLT.
- Great opportunity to incorporate performance elements eg. interaction with spaces in different ways

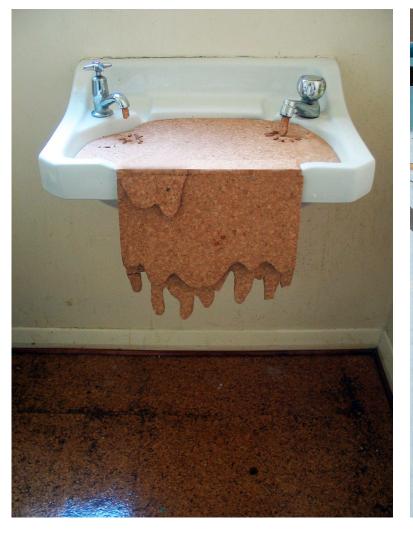
Bryony Cunningham-Pow Y13





Laura Robinson Y13

What cool stuff or spaces do your students have access to?



















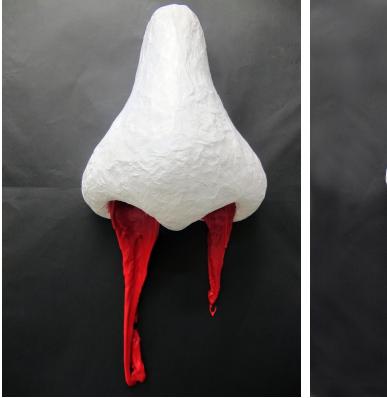
PERSONAL INQUIRY

• Great for students struggling to find a topic to investigate.

• Opportunity to reflect on self through sculptural conventions.

• Open to a broad range of practices

• Lots of opportunity to 'dig deeper' as it is about them!



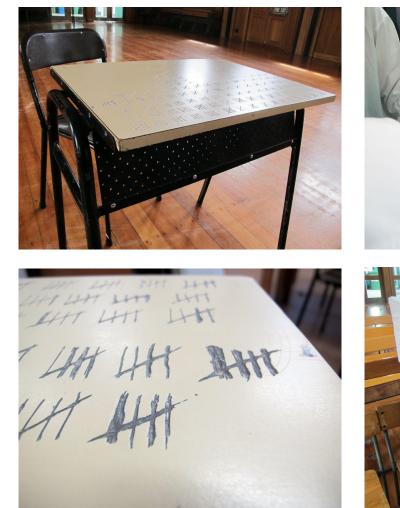
Eunie Choi Y12







Work by Maeve Hughes Y13







Issy Riddell-Gardener Y12













CONSIDERATIONS FOR FOLIO LAYOUT

- As with other fields of practice students need to understand hierarchy when laying out their boards which works are the most successful? And do the photos help the work?
- Print these big and encourage students to 'flesh out the idea' with less significant works
- Try to avoid students attaching large numbers of photos of the same work if it doesn't offer any more information. (Of course, if a work is time-based students will likely need to include more images if submitting on a physical portfolio.)
- Where possible, try to keep it to approximately 3 images of each work which show it from different viewpoint or which offer more information. Often my students pick their strongest image of each work and just use these.
- If you are concerned about how much room students have to take up on a board, remember that they can use drawings working into photos is a great drawing strategy for sculpture.
- Documenting each maquette or small study as they are produced is useful when it comes to laying out boards, as these feed into the thinking happening between larger works.
- And the magic of documenting works with photos is that if push comes to shove they can be printed larger to fill a board!
- Make sure the sculptural works are well documented they should look as good if not better in the photos, not worse!















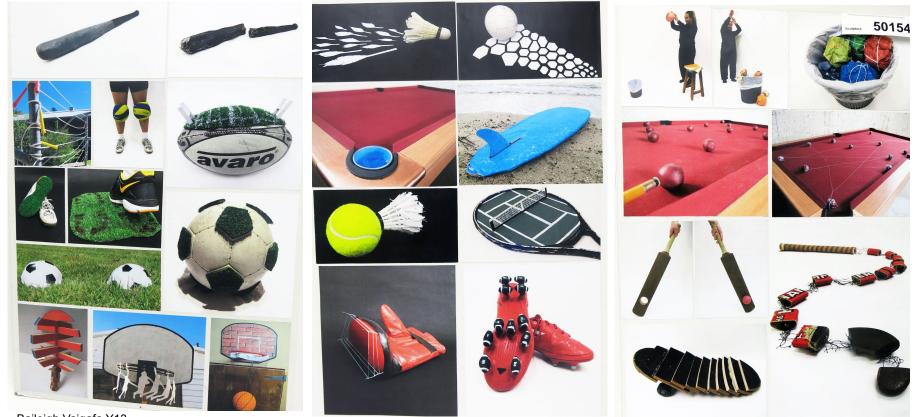
Clara Lindsay Y13



Hannah Dear Y13



Abby Chan Y13

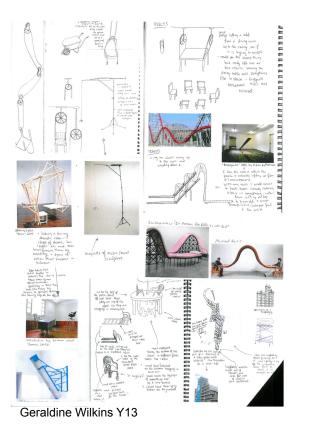


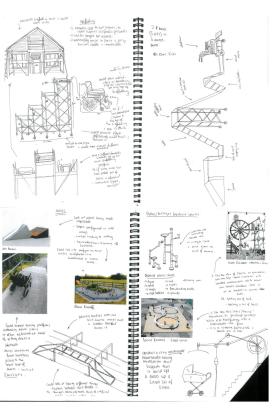
Baileigh Vaigafa Y13



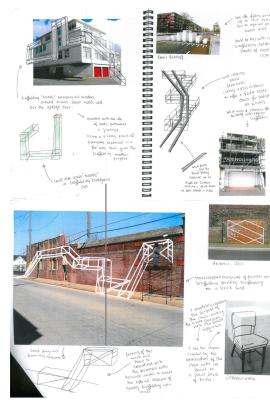
Mika Zollner Y13

SCHOLARSHIP WORKBOOKS



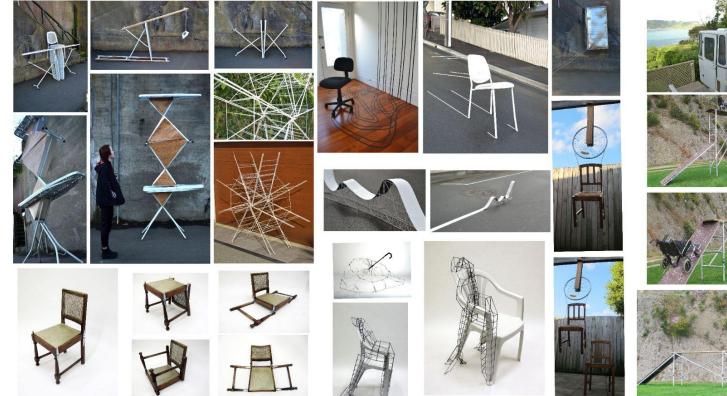


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Geraldine Wilkins Y13

Whakataukī by Te Wharehuia Milroy

Kotahi karihi nāna ko te wao tapu nui a Tāne.

The creation of the forests of Tāne comes from one kernel.

Starting small leads to growth