

MATES Junior Activity

Resource Guide

Goal: **Academic skills**

Activity Type: Individual
Relationship Stage: Mid-late

Activity Name:

"Research Project"

Objective:

For the mentee to explore a research topic of their choice and present their learning in a variety of ways

Preparation Time:

None initially – may require prep time in later stages, depending on topic and outputs

Activity Duration:

Varies - this is a large project that can be broken into pieces and spread across sessions

Required Material:

Will vary according to topic and presentation, but will likely require:

- Paper and pens/markers/pencils
- Books
- Internet access

Instructions:

- Brainstorm possible topics with your mentee. The topic should be something they are interested in and motivated to think and read about. Anything is possible!
 - A favourite animal
 - Musician/band or instrument
 - Sport or sportsperson
 - Place (city or country)
 - Historical time or person
 - Book or character
- Brainstorm and choose 3 or 4 research outputs with your mentee. These can include any way for the mentee to present what they have learned about their chosen subject, e.g.:
 - Drawing or painting
 - Poem or short story
 - Collection of news articles with captions and key points
 - "Pros and Cons" list about an important question to do with the topic
 - Fact sheet
 - Powerpoint presentation with facts and photos
 - Movie or tv review (if there is one on the topic)
- Dedicate some session time to doing research – looking for websites and reading books. In the following weeks, do one or two research outputs per session.