



Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Students in Year 7 are currently completing a unit called Monster Mania. They have looked at different monsters and mythical creatures and have learnt about some of the technical aspects of clay. For this unit students were supposed to create a sculpture and work with clay, but unfortunately, due to the current Covid-19 lockdown, working with clay at this stage will not be possible.

The Visual Arts staff decided that the next best thing in a sculpting medium, that was readily available, would be plasticine / modelling clay. This would give students the opportunity to work in a 3-Dimensional format and sufficiently allow students to complete their monster sculpture.

As parents / caregivers, we ask that you join with us in supporting this unit of work by purchasing some plasticine / modelling clay, as we work together in this partnership of online learning.

**Please keep in mind, that this is a practical task that students will need to submit as evidence of learning. The practical classwork will commence on 31 August, therefore it will be viable that students have some sort of sculpting medium, ready to make their project by this date.**

**Note: plasticine / modelling clay is different to play dough.** It is firmer than play dough, allowing students to mould their sculptures without having it fall apart or not hold as well as it should.

Plasticine / modelling clay can be purchased at different outlets. Below are links to where you could purchase plasticine / modelling clay.

We understand with the current Covid-19 lockdown, there may be a short supply in plasticine colours so we ask that as long as students submit a sculpture that is about 10 x 10cm. The colour is irrelevant (**sculpture can be all one colour or a combination of colours – choice is yours**).

**Plasticine links:**

[Amazon](#) [Kmart](#) [Mightyape](#) [Teachersuperstore](#) [Officeworks](#)

Alternatively, if purchasing plasticine is not a possibility, students can make their sculpture out of found objects (egg cartons, paper towel tubes, other bits and pieces found at home). We ask students to begin to collect these found objects ready to start in Week 8. Guidance and examples will be given at the beginning of Week 8.

We thank you for your support,

The Visual Arts faculty at Oran Park High School

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