

# Lesson 6

## Interpreting and Visualising Weather Station Data

### **Content descriptors:**

#### Knowledge and understanding:

Acquire, store and validate different types of data, and use a range of software to interpret and visualise data to create information (ACTDIP016).

#### Relevant elaborations:

- Selecting and using peripheral devices suitable to the data, for example using a data probe to collect data about changing soil temperature for plants, interpreting the data ad sharing the results as a digital graph
- Using data visualisation software to help in interpreting trends, for example uploading data to a web application and building a visualisation of the dataset

#### Learning intention:

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Acquire, and store their weather station's data, using dashboard software for visualisation
- Interpret and validate the information provided by their data.

#### Summative assessment suggestion:

- Students develop their own graph and data visualisation using worksheet resource
- Students write a paragraph summary report to describe their experience, knowledge and understanding of weather stations.

#### **Equipment list:**

- Projection screen
- Prezi lesson 5
- Printed photos of students with their weather stations (one for each student)
- Class set of computers/laptops
- Student access to printing
- Class sets of lesson worksheets
- Scissors and glue.

#### Lesson outline: (60min lesson)

| Introduction<br>(10min) | <ul> <li>Thank you video explaining the importance of the students' contribution to the Townsville temperature map – TCC</li> <li>Video explaining how to access the data</li> </ul>   |
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| Body<br>(20min)         | <ul> <li>Hand out step-by-step instructions on getting access to the network and how to develop a graph from the data</li> <li>Students open the network and investigate the platform</li> <li>Students use the real time data of their weather station to develop a visualisation graph of the data</li> </ul>  |
| Conclusion<br>(30min)   | • Students print their temperature graph and paste onto worksheet. Students answer prompt questions to write a paragraph outlining their experience with their weather stations, building, the different components, how their weather stations connect together to build a network of data, how they can access, interpret and visualise that data and how other businesses/scientists across Townsville are going to use their weather stations. |

