Using formative assessment rubrics in Languages

Transcript

(GENTLE MUSIC PLAYS)

In 2019 the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority partnered with the Assessment Research Centre at the University of Melbourne to provide professional learning for teachers to strengthen their understanding and use formative assessment rubrics.

**Why use formative assessment rubrics?**

The data definitely proves my class observation of how the students perform.

But it's also interesting to see where students might meet the high ends of certain criteria actions but missing something. So it gives me the sense when I deliver instructions I have to be very specific about their requirement of things that they have to do. So, for the students it's also very beneficial to see what's happening about their actual learning.

**What were some considerations when writing or using the rubrics?**

Traditionally I would design a task and then develop the rubrics based on that task. But this way I find I'm more focused on the skills of what students should achieve and then design a task around those skills. So, in terms of learning I find it's more valuable and more straightforward to assess to see what's really happening about my teaching about students' learning.

It was a little bit challenging with the Early Year students. I had to sort of just talk about it as a continuum rather than present it as a rubric with all the cells. Presenting it as a big table was too much for them. But when I stretched it out it was a bit less confronting for them.

The evidence was actually very useful. So, I had a few students who had the background and I can see exactly where they're at. So, some of them were...We have about four actually with the Japanese background. And I can actually see that some of them weren't as high achieving as they might expect.

I actually loved collecting the data. It's nice to collect data and just see how effective your teaching has been in the classroom and then find the holes and then try to go back and fill in those gaps in the students' learning so then you can continue pushing forward with them.

**How does formative assessment impact student learning?**

It helps to inform the students. And it also helps them to take control of their own learning as well, which is really, really important, especially since we have so many different learning levels in one classroom to start off with.