Appendix 6 - Reflective Problem-Solving Diary - Teaching as Inquiry Action Plan Template

Class: Date:

Instructions: Answer all of the questions in the template.

Focusing Inquiry

What is important (and therefore worth spending time on) given where my students are at?

What is not working well? What do I want to change?

What is the evidence – achievement data, student learning dispositions, student engagement or behaviour, teacher practice?

Teaching Inquiry

What strategies (evidence-based) are most likely to help my students learn?

Strategies for improvement

What does the research say?

Which strategies are known to have the greatest impact on student learning?

What can I do right now?

What do I need additional support with?

What will I choose to work on first?

What do the students think? How will I let them know we are trying something new?

Do I want to try out strategies with a group of students or the whole class?

What goals do I want to set - teaching practice, student achievement?

Learning Inquiry/Evaluation

What has happened as a result of the changes in teaching, and what are the implications for future teaching?

What evidence do I have that these strategies have been effective – achievement data, student learning dispositions, student engagement and behaviour, teacher practice?

If the strategies have been effective, what are my next steps?

How will I sustain the effective practices?

What is my new inquiry focus? What new goals do I want to set?

What can I do if things do not work?

What different approach to the problem could I try?

Should I ask the students?

Which other teachers can I talk to?

Who can I ask to peer observe in my classroom?

How can I organise to video my practice, so I can analyse it?

What other strategies might I use?