

# WAYFINDER

The premier social-emotional learning (SEL)  
curriculum for Independent schools

Wayfinder is the premier social-emotional learning (SEL) and future-ready skills curriculum, available exclusively to Independent schools through ISV.

Founded at Stanford University's d.school in 2015, the Wayfinder curriculum provides activities, personal development and assessments geared toward helping students develop lives of meaning and purpose.

It was developed using the latest adolescent research from leaders in the field and continues to be advised by Stanford affiliates, putting human-centered design at the forefront of our design and development.

The Wayfinder philosophy views SEL as a means to help students cultivate critical skills needed to succeed in today's world – skills like communication, creative problem solving, perseverance, goal setting and collaboration.

These are not only skills commonly sought after by universities and employers – they're the essential ingredients for living a meaningful and purposeful life.

## Foundation–Year 12



A consistent and meaningful SEL curriculum to support students through their entire school journey.



## 20+ lessons

for each year level, co-created with students and teachers through a human-centred design process.



## Less than 5 minutes

preparation time for each lesson.



## Rigorously tested

in real classrooms to ensure that learning is relevant and meaningful to today's students.

The four components of Wayfinder's SEL offering – Core Curriculum, Waypoints, Activity Library and Collections – give schools full flexibility to customise the program to the unique needs of your students. You can use one or all four.

## Wayfinder's core curriculum

### Foundations

Foundation – Year 6

#### Developing empathy and compassion

Wayfinder's early years curriculum is designed to help students build a strong foundation to develop self-awareness, high self-esteem, emotional regulation and healthy relationship skills.

### Belonging

Year 7 – 9

#### Creating belonging and community

Belonging is integral to forming healthy relationships and living a purposeful life. Wayfinder's middle school curriculum supports students to explore their identities and build compassionate relationships with themselves, their communities and the wider world.

### Purpose

Year 10 – 12

#### Leading purposeful lives

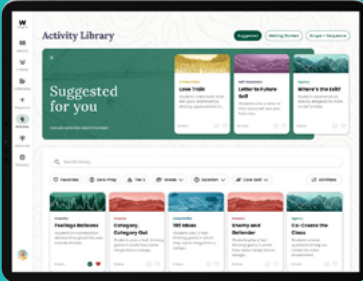
Purpose is the desire to accomplish something that's fulfilling and meaningful to students that also improves the world around them. Wayfinder's high school SEL and future-ready skills curriculum prepares students to tackle life's challenges with intention and purpose.



# Activity Library

Integrate SEL with everyday learning with the Wayfinder Activity Library.

- Over 2,000+ CASEL-aligned activities for Foundation to Year 12.
- Activities range from 2–30 minutes for flexible integration into any class period.
- Punctuate the day with short, targeted activities from energisers and journaling prompts, to videos, meditations and more.
- Use filters to find exactly what you're looking for, sort by grade level, duration and activity type.



# Waypoints

Wayfinder's assessment tools track student growth in each of the CASEL-aligned core skill areas: Self-Awareness, Adaptability, Empathy, Collaboration, Agency and Purpose.

## Summative Waypoints

- Contains 30 CASEL-aligned questions.
- Administer 2–3 times per year.
- Compare student progress against 6 Wayfinder Core Skills.
- Monitor completion rates across classes and schools

## Formative Waypoints

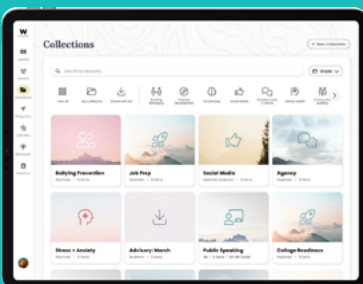
- Short, weekly assessments enable consistent progress tracking.
- Educators and support staff can view skill progress by school or by class.
- Quickly see a student's top skill, most improved skill and area for growth.



# Collections

Don't see what you're looking for in the Core Curriculum? Create your own collections and personalise your classes to the specific interests and concerns of your students!

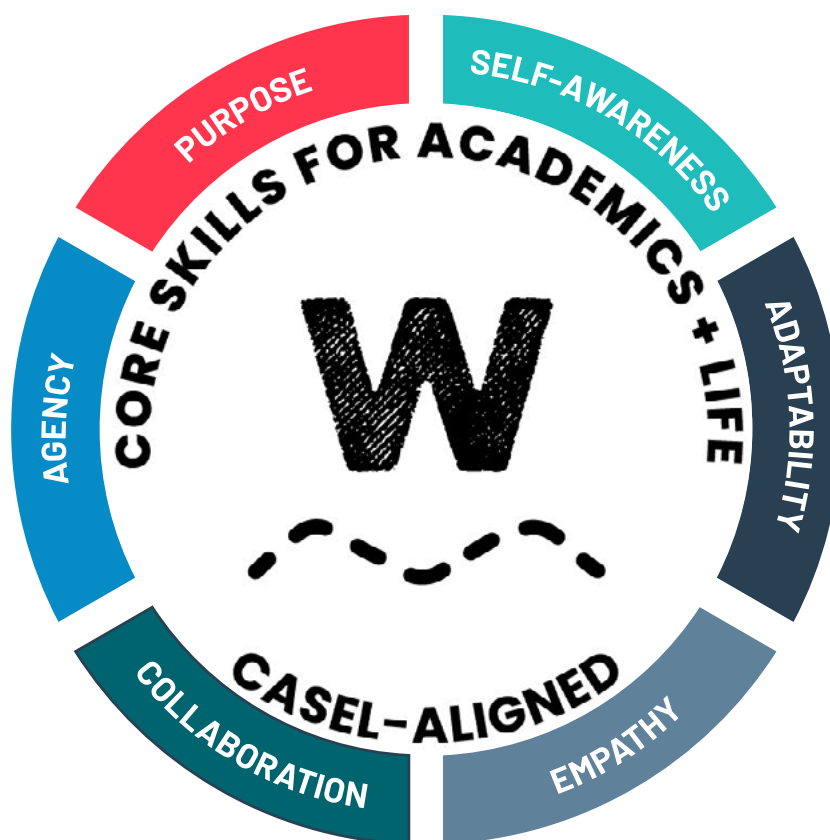
- 40+ curated lists of lessons and activities
- Address the specific concerns and interests on your students with topic-based content
- Create and share your own collections
- Filter by topic or grade level
- **Collections topics include:**
  - Bullying prevention
  - Mental health and wellbeing
  - Job preparation
  - Social media
  - Public speaking
  - Financial literacy
  - University readiness and more...



# Wayfinder's core skills and competencies

The Wayfinder curriculum is built around six key competencies, each of which are aligned to the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL).

The CASEL framework supports evidence-based SEL as an integral part of education from kindergarten through to high school.



**Self-awareness** Students understand themselves on different levels, from how they function to what nourishes and sustains them.  
*CASEL alignment: Self-awareness*

**Adaptability** Students willingly try again after making mistakes and comfortably navigate uncertainty with flexibility and openness.  
*CASEL alignment: Self-management*

**Empathy** Students attune to the feelings and needs of others and act to serve a common good.  
*CASEL alignment: Relationship skills*

**Collaboration** Students actively build relationships, partner with others and facilitate belonging efforts across communities.  
*CASEL alignment: Social awareness*

**Agency** Students understand the value of their voices and work to support and advance their communities.  
*CASEL alignment: Responsible decision making*

**Purpose** Students deeply connect with their values to guide their decisions and interactions in the world.  
*CASEL alignment: n/a*

# Start your students on the Wayfinder journey

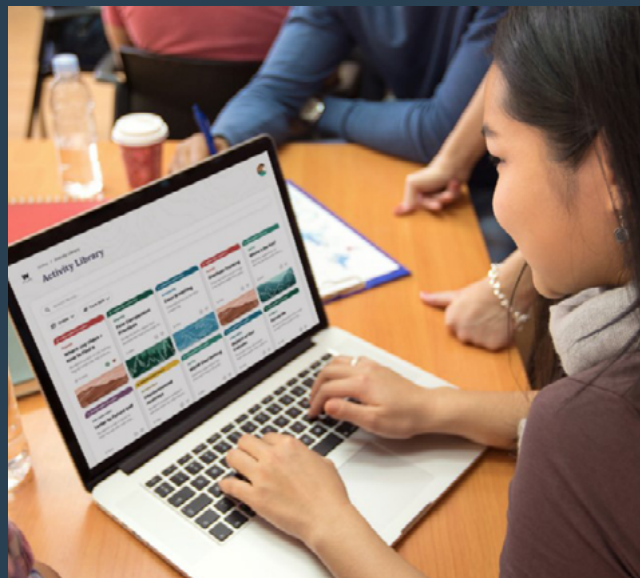
## Online or in-school training

ISV offers regular 90-minute training sessions for each of the Wayfinder core curricula:

- Foundations (Foundation–Year 6)
- Belonging (Year 7–9)
- Purpose (Year 10–12).

We can provide dedicated training for school groups, either online or in person. Contact us so we can tailor a program for your school.

Once training is complete, you will be fully equipped to deliver the Wayfinder curriculum to your students.



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