Grade: Achieved

For Achieved, the student needs to generate product or spatial design ideas using visual communication techniques to generate their own design ideas that relate to design influences.

This involves using visual communication techniques to generate the student's own design ideas that relate to characteristics of source materials. One of the sources must be an appropriate te ao Māori design influence. These can include regional styles, types, and forms of objects, spaces, and buildings. The other can be any other designed source. A rationale is required for both influences, including a written description of the design influence, its significance, and acknowledgment of authorship. This can be supported by a collated set of images. This is followed by generating design ideas that relate to the characteristics (design elements) of the source materials.

In this exemplar, there is evidence of a design influence from te ao Māori, with examples of traditional waharoa (a carved entranceway), and from Daniel Libeskind (a Polish–American deconstructivist architect), and Elisapeta Heta (a noted NZ architect). A rationale is provided for both influences, through collated images and descriptions of the waharoa, Libeskind's, and Heta's work.

Design characteristics and elements are identified for each influence and are drawn on in the generation of shapes and forms. The concept of a waharoa/gateway from te ao Māori and triangular elements from Daniel Libeskind are explored and progressed in the subsequent design ideas. Design ideas are generated using visual communication techniques of 2D and 3D sketching and digital modeling. The focus of the generated design ideas is primarily aesthetic, resulting in the restriction of this grade to Achieved.

To meet the 'develop' criteria for Merit, evidence must demonstrate the use of visual communication techniques to draw on the characteristics of source materials, to explore the function and aesthetics in the student's own design ideas. The 'develop' criteria required by this standard means exploring and experimenting with design ideas, not resolving them. This could be shown by showing consideration of the waharoa in its context, and how the users would access it and pass through.

In future, to meet the NZQA requirements for authenticity, the source of the research images should be acknowledged and recorded. This also serves to recognise authorship, whakapapa, and heritage.

Achieved

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