How can value be a generator of design? At what point is open space in the Melbourne CBD more valuable than existing land-use? How, through the arrangement, subtraction, addition and understanding of landscape elements can we re-evaluate value to also address what we believe is Landscape Architecture?

A Kit of Parks will provide an investigation by design into the value of open space (parkland) in Melbourne. Working within the parameters of parkland use, needs and design, students will draw on their own ideas of park and prepare design propositions that respond to a range of different data sets that may quantify value. Carbon value, heath care, nutrient stripping, vitamin D deficiency, oxygen production just some of the value sets that will be examined and required to inform design response.

Representation will focus on the translation of digital information and data sets through hand drawing, section and physical model making. A total of three sites will be available within the Melbourne CBD, and students will select one site following mid-semester.

A kit of Parks will ask you to:
- Assess and clearly convey what a park means to you
- Test the range of data sets provided through different modes of representation
- Select specific data sets that respond to your chosen site
- Formulate a design proposition to structure your design process
- Test your design proposition through weekly design exercises and workshops
- Prepare a design solution that clearly responds to your proposition and ideals of park and value