















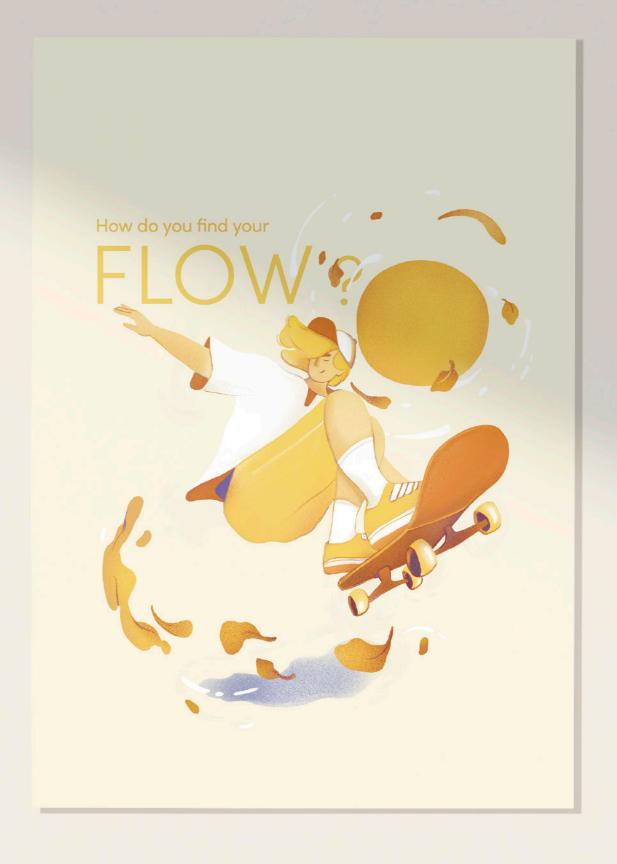
My good days these past few weeks have been escaping on road trips for the weekends! The idea is 'no phones' but lots of swimming, skateboarding, and laughing.

-D's story

The absorbed doing mode is about finding your FLOW. Doing things in this mode can help you find strength in your uniqueness and a connection to being your most authentic self.





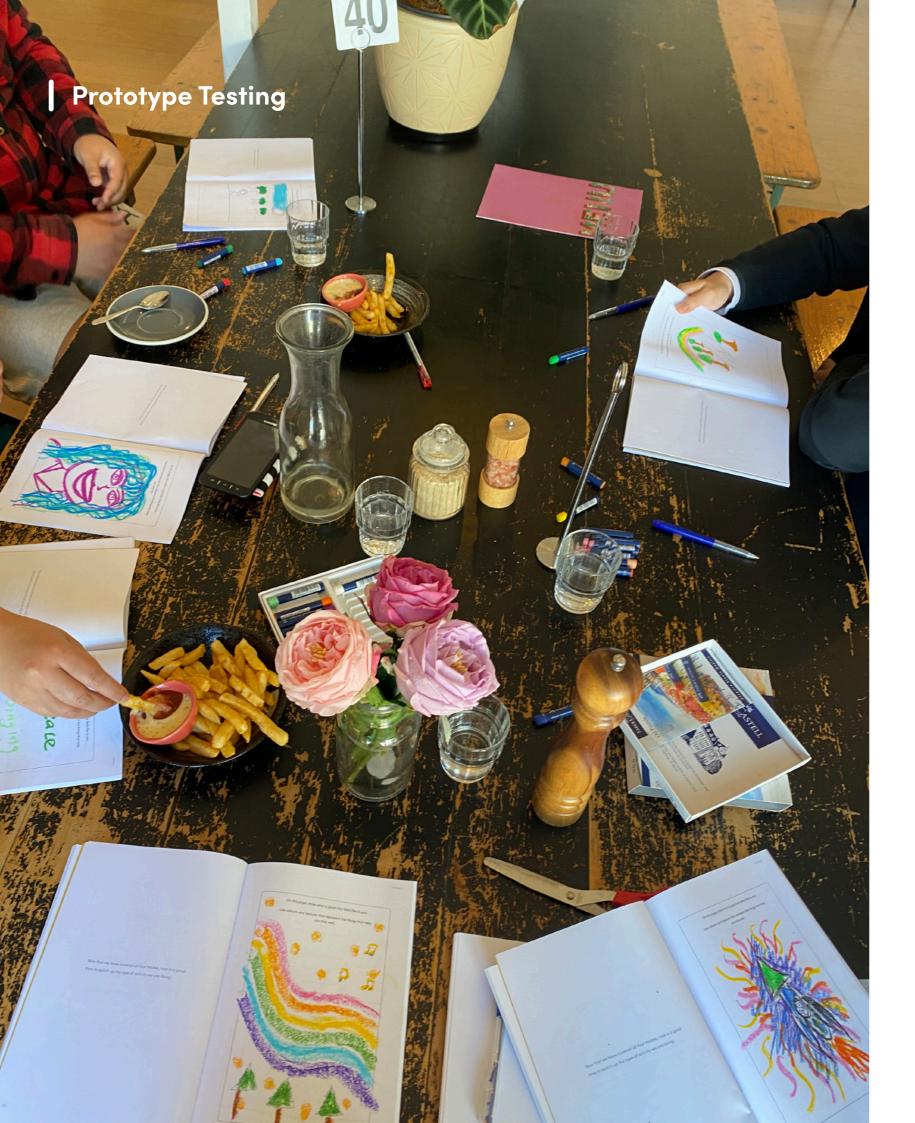












Final Reflection

"That's me!" he exclaimed with a grin he couldn't hide. His shyness quickly faded as he chortled, pointed to a drawing of a character enjoying some good music, and looked to the cultural advisor to his left. She laughed in delight at the uncanny resemblance and exclaimed, "that is you with your headphones!" The nurse across the table beamed at me.

In between sips and handfuls of hot chips, I watched the clients from Hāpai Ora pore over the illustrations in the guidebook. I could not help but think how rewarding it was to see young adults light up and come out of their shells upon finding characters they could so strongly relate to.

The table became a highway of busy hands and bustling energy as soon as I added a box of coloured pastels to the mix. It was a colourful morning for myself, the staff, and the small group of young adults who did not seem eager to pack up at the end of the session.

A client to my left perked up when I pointed out that the guidebook could go home with him. Leaning over, another squeezed my hand. With a serious tone in her voice but smiling eyes, she whispered, "thank you so much for gifting this to us." The look she gave me is one that I will never forget.

