


Improving teaching and learning in uncertain times

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The state of global education.

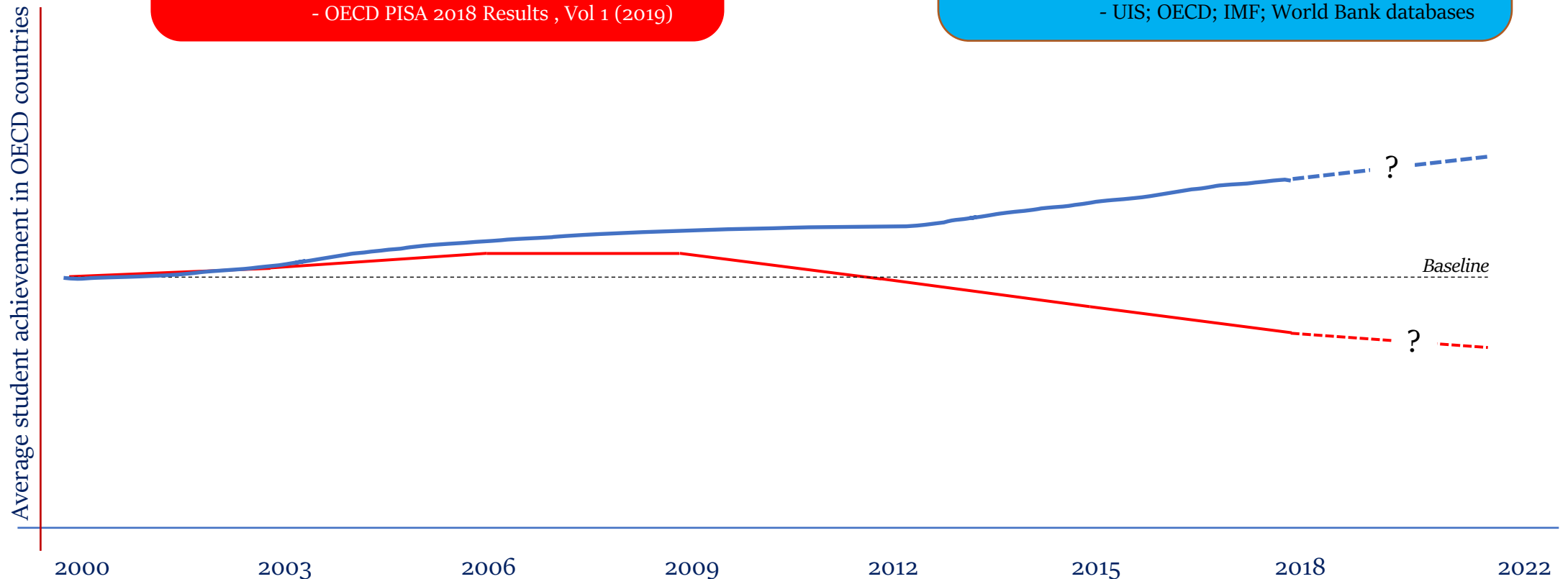
Learning outcomes vs. education spending

“The average trend in academic performance across OECD countries is hump-shaped: the slowly improving trend observed up to 2012 was followed by a decline between 2012 and 2018.”

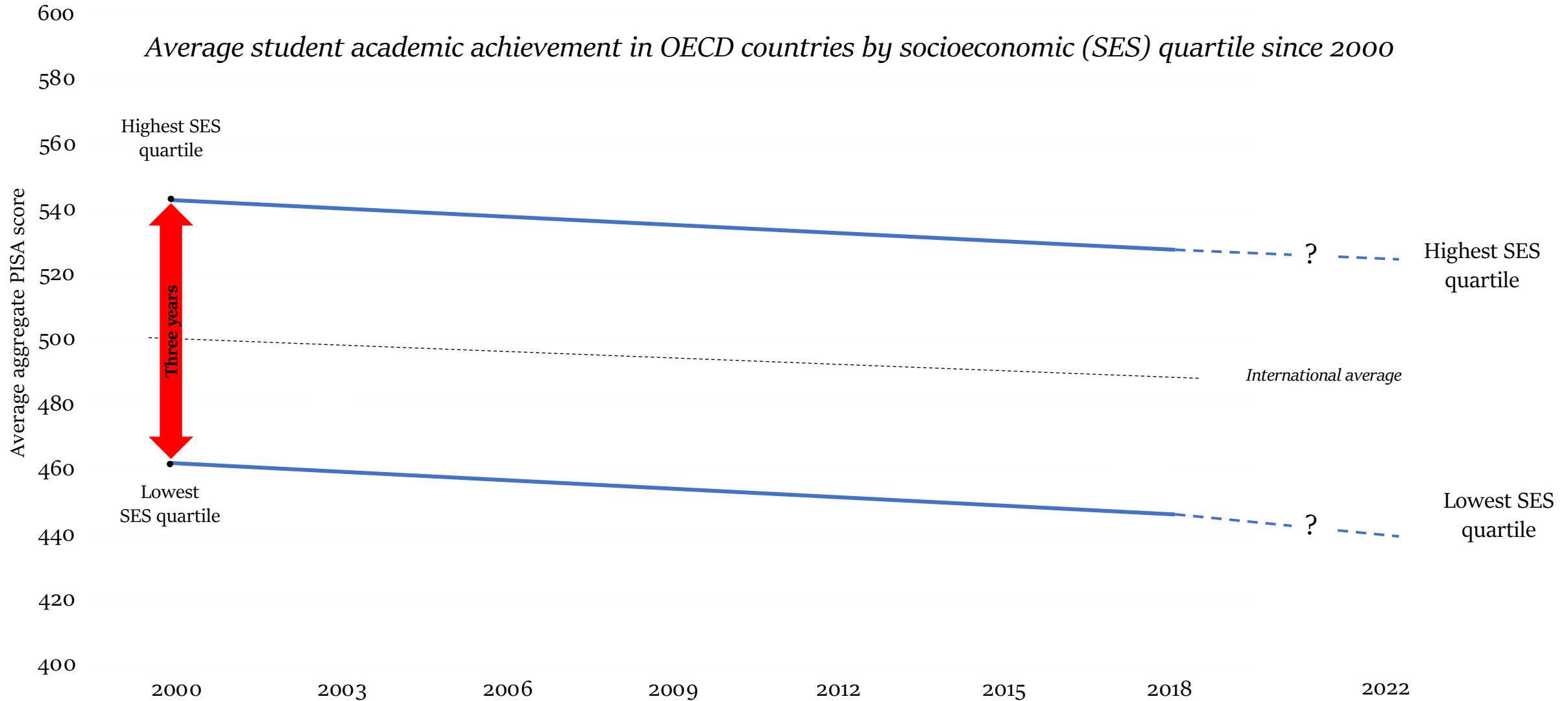
- OECD PISA 2018 Results , Vol 1 (2019)

“Real spending on education has grown steadily over the last 10 years. But government education spending as a share of GDP has remained flat in the past 10 years.”

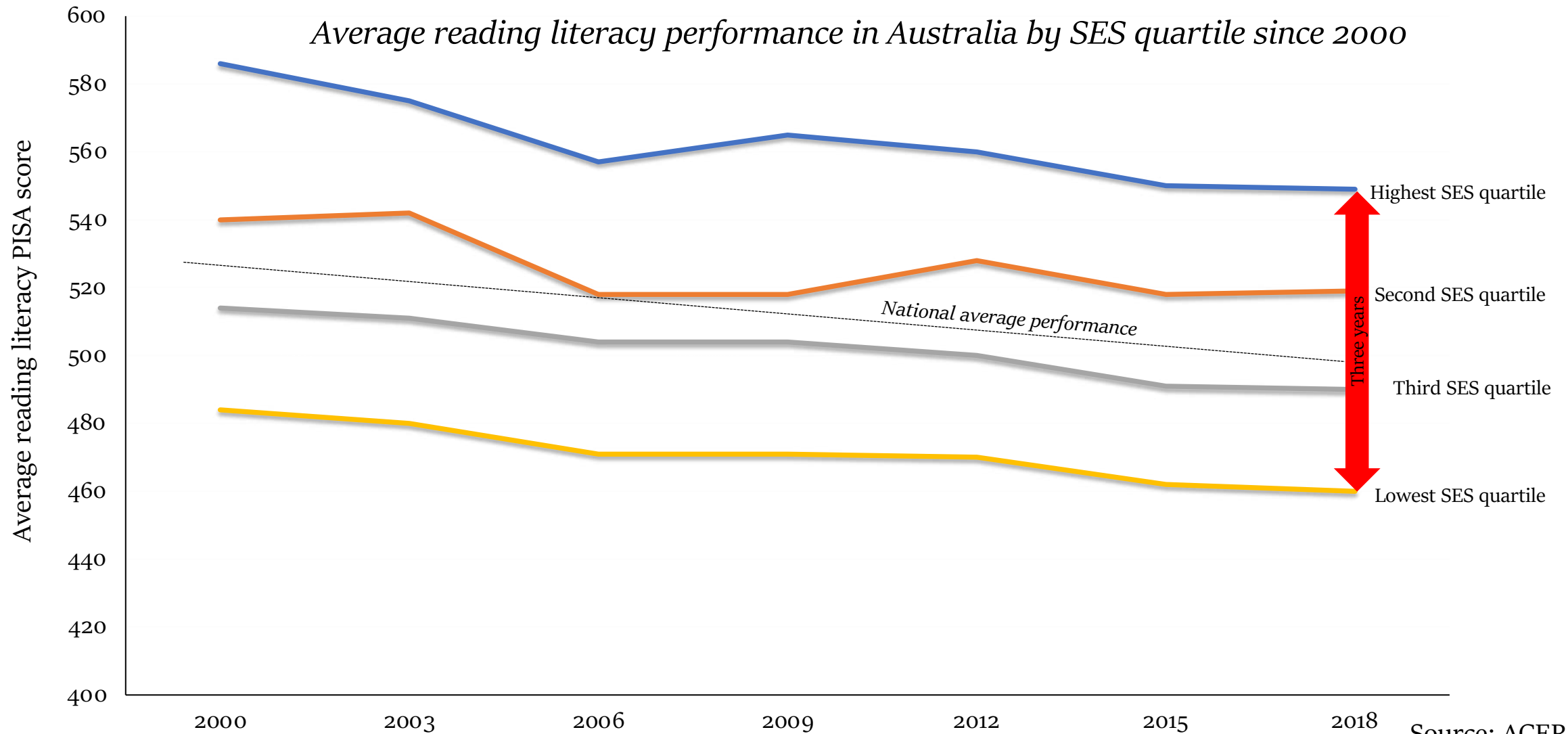
- UIS; OECD; IMF; World Bank databases



Learning gaps - global

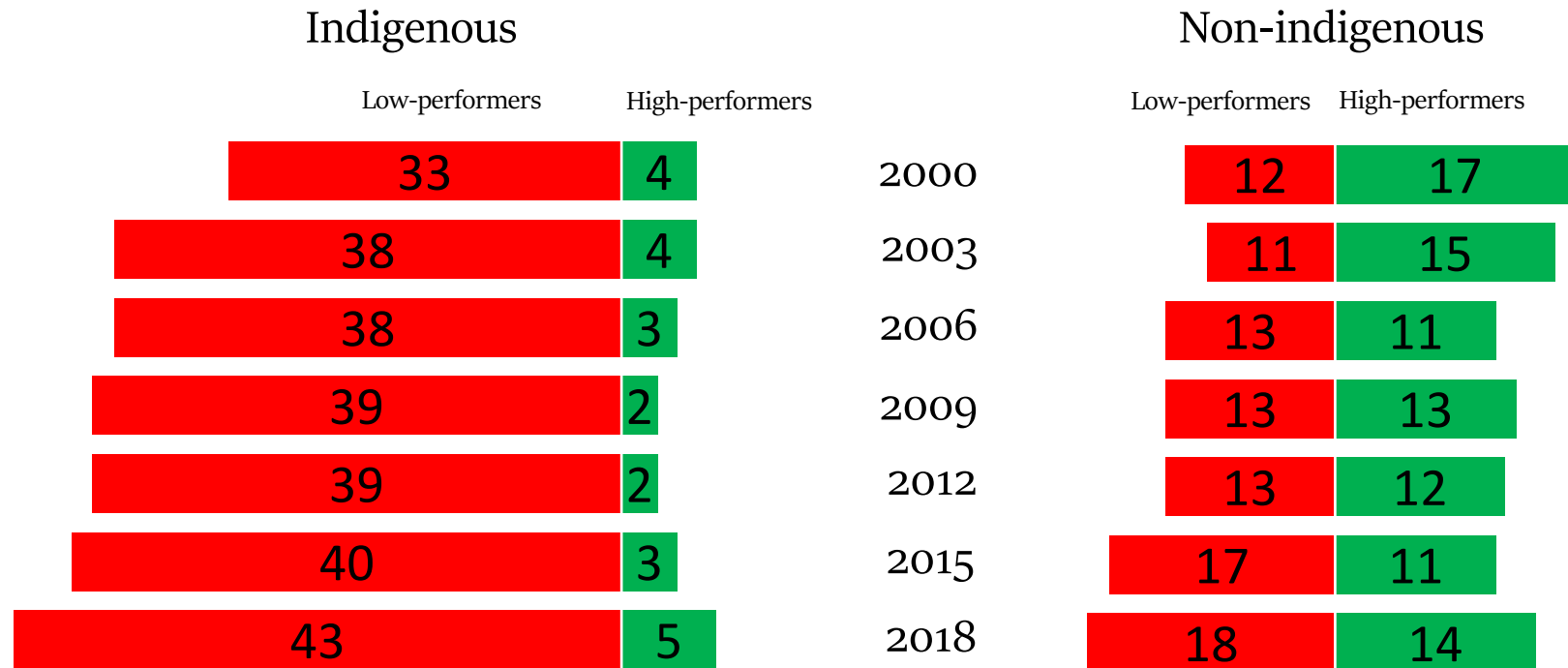


Learning gaps - Australia

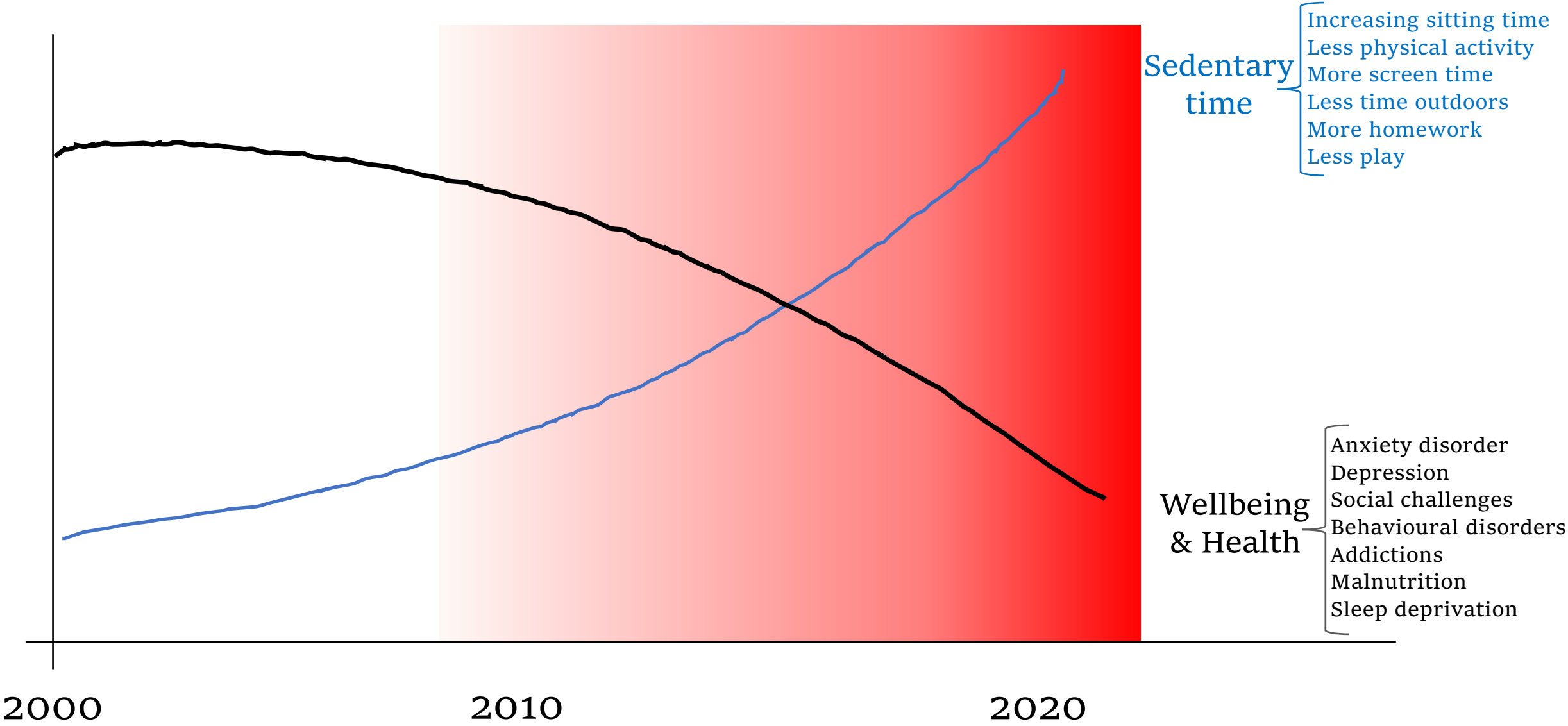


Learning gaps - Australia

Proportion of low and high performers in Australia on the PISA reading literacy proficiency scale by Indigenous background since 2000



Children's changing lifestyles and wellbeing



Source: Mission Australia (2023); Growing Up Digital Australia (2021)



“260 million children, adolescents and youth are not at school and only three quarters of 15-year-olds in middle income countries attend school, and just half of them achieve the basic level of proficiency required.” – Global Education Monitoring Report 2020



The performance differences across the OECD countries between the most socio-economically advantaged and disadvantaged students is equivalent to over 3 years of schooling. –PISA 2018



There is a global learning crisis that amplifies educational inequalities that severely hobbles the disadvantaged youth who most need the boost that a good education can offer. – World Bank Human Development Report 2018

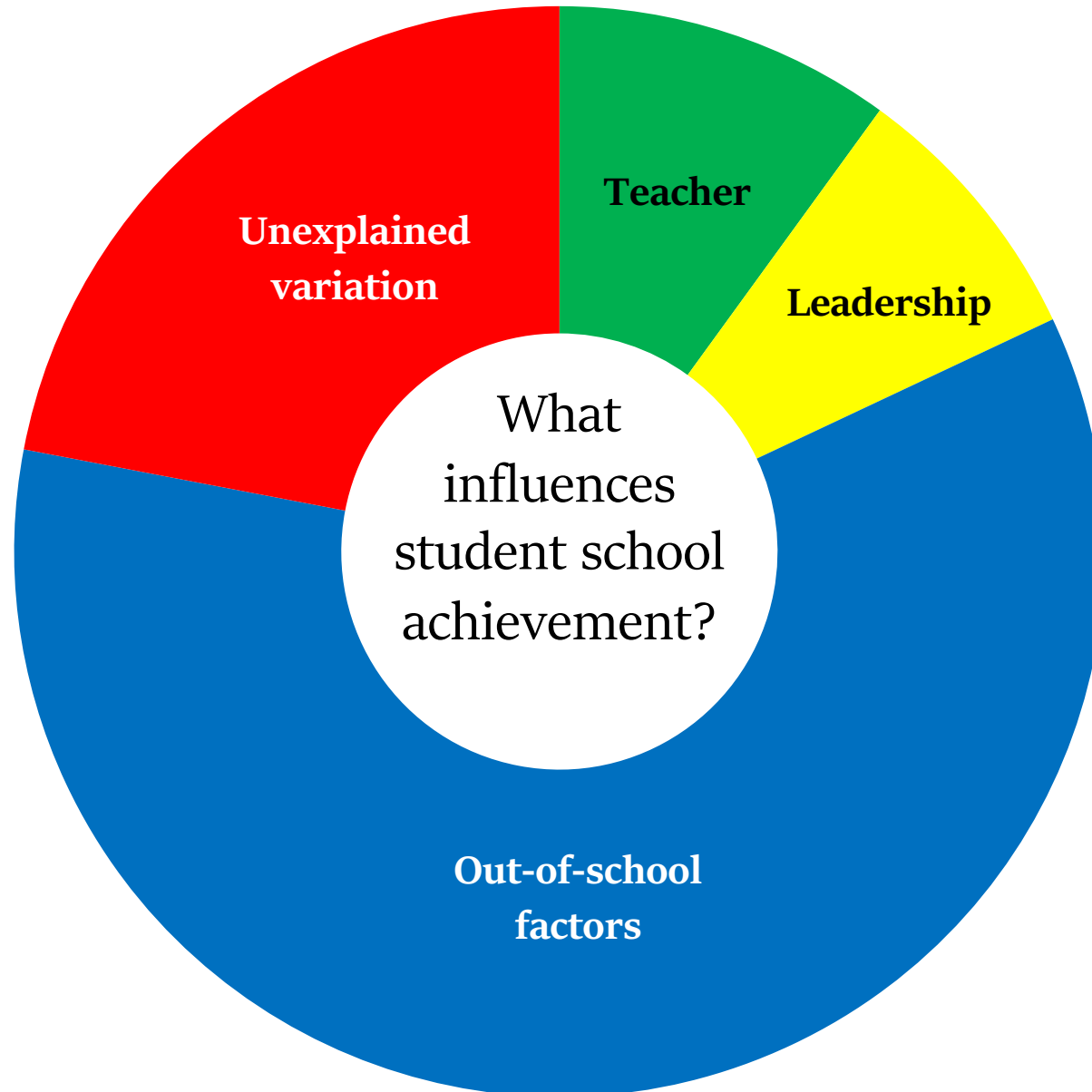


How to explain this?

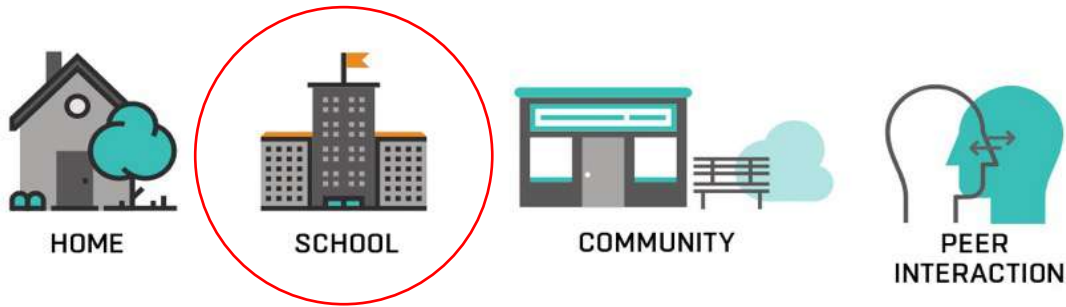


Uncertain times.

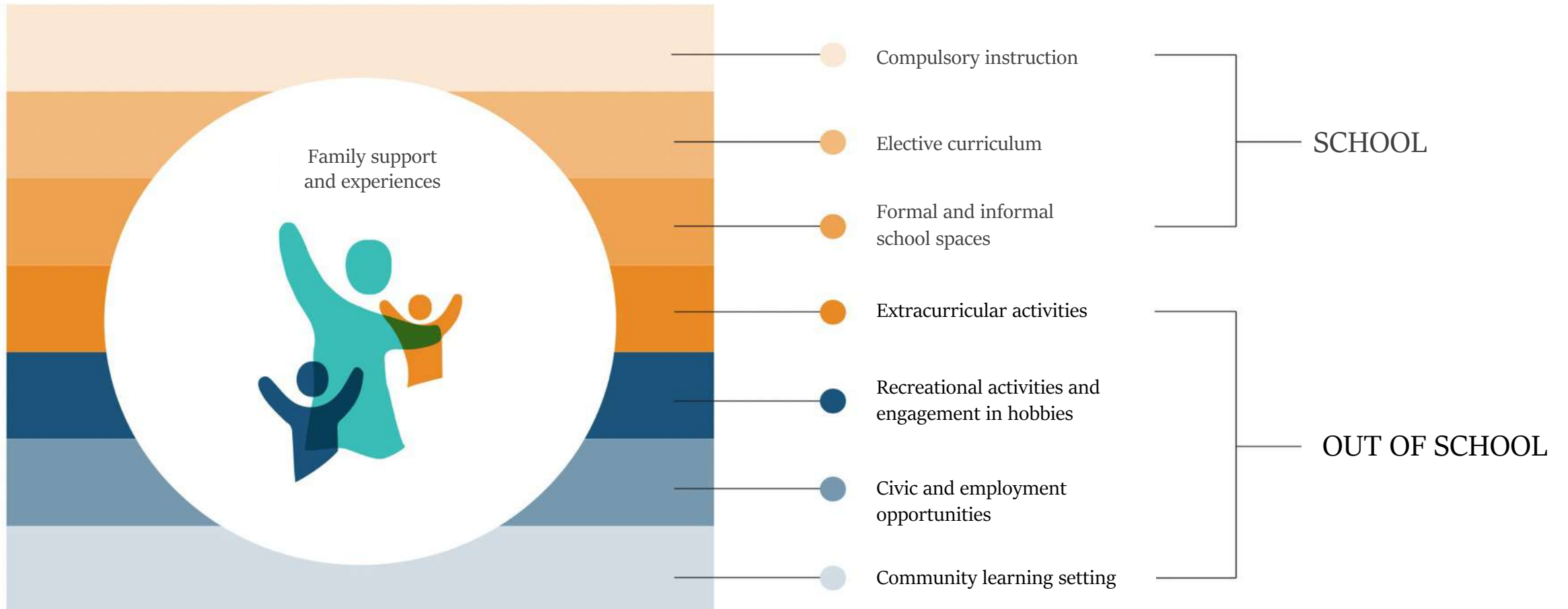
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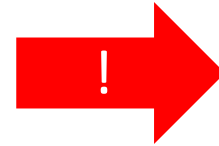
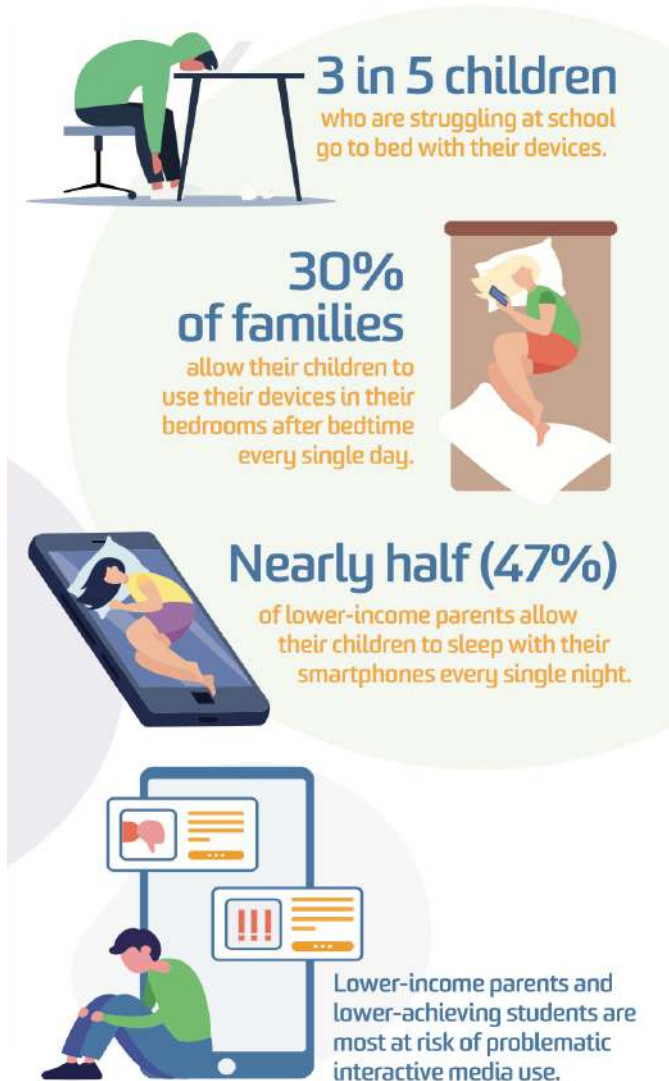
Where learning happens?



Uncertainty #2: Tech and wellbeing



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The New Digital Divide

“Make no mistake. The real digital divide in this country is not between children who have access to the Internet and those who don’t. **It’s between children whose parents know that they have to restrict screen time and those whose parents have been sold a bill of goods by schools and politicians that more screens are a key to success.** It’s time to let everyone in on the secret.”

— Naomi Schaefer Riley, the American Enterprise Institute (2018)

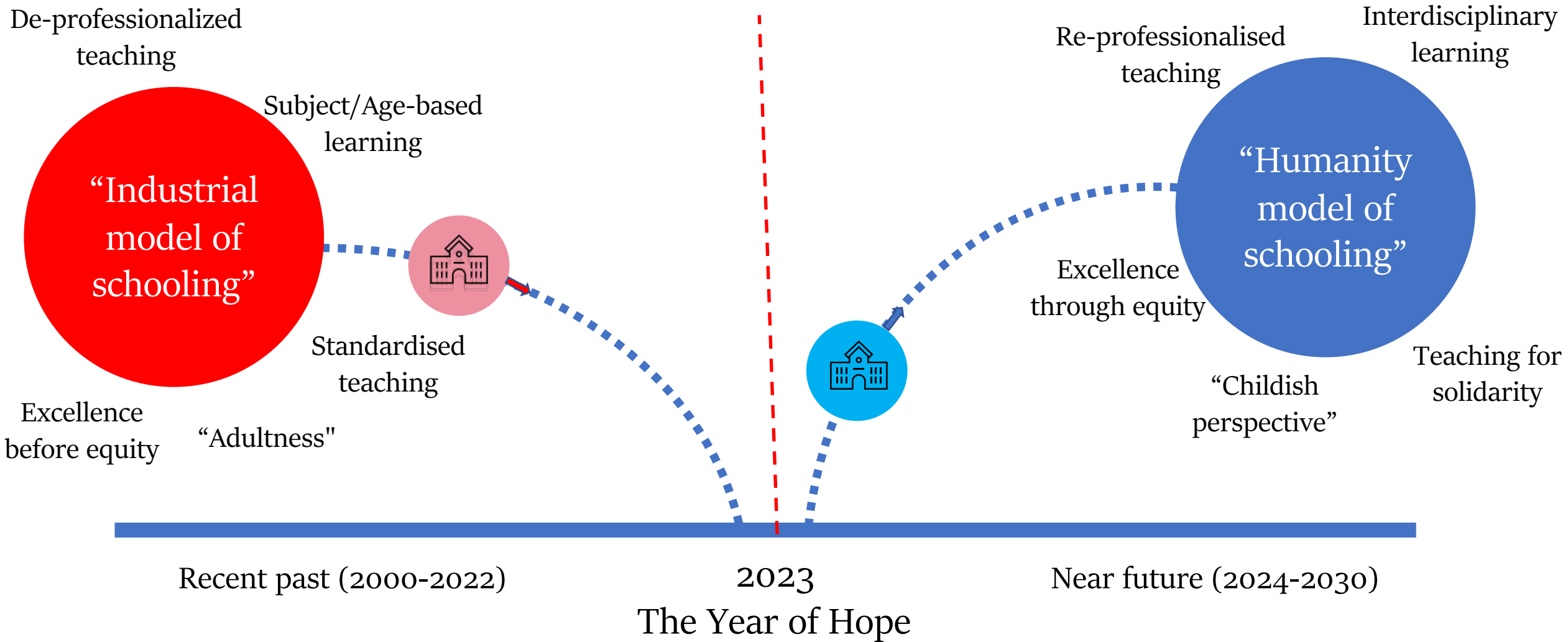
Uncertainty #3: Mixed expectations





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Bouncing back to "the new social contract for education"



Alice Springs (Mparntwe)
Education Declaration

DECEMBER 2019



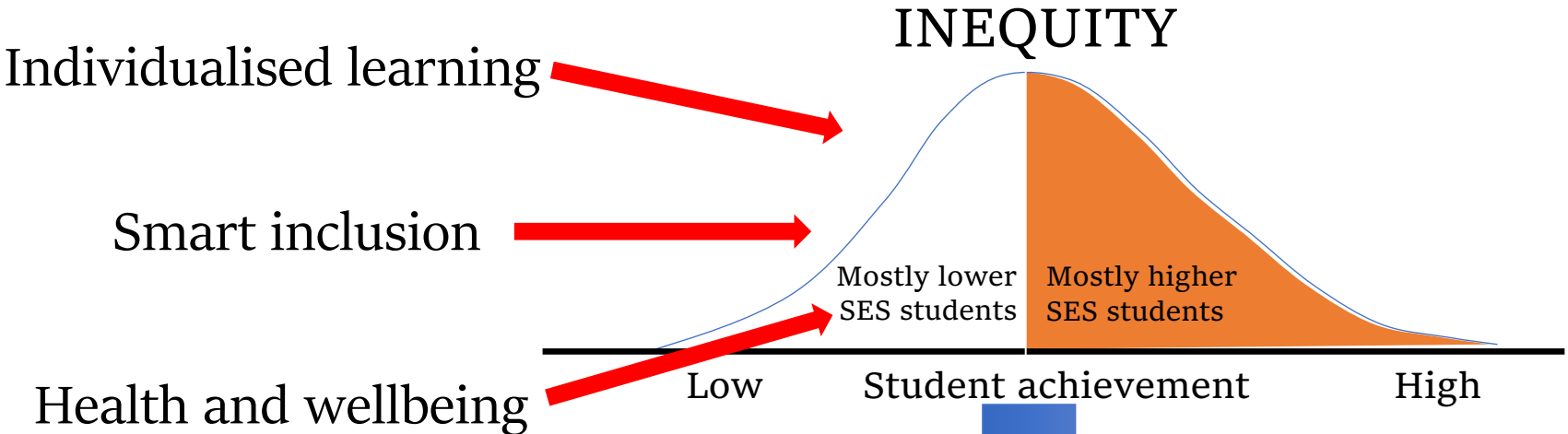
Our vision is for a world class education system that encourages and supports every student to be the very best they can be, no matter where they live or what kind of learning challenges they may face.

Goal 1: The Australian education system promotes **excellence and equity**

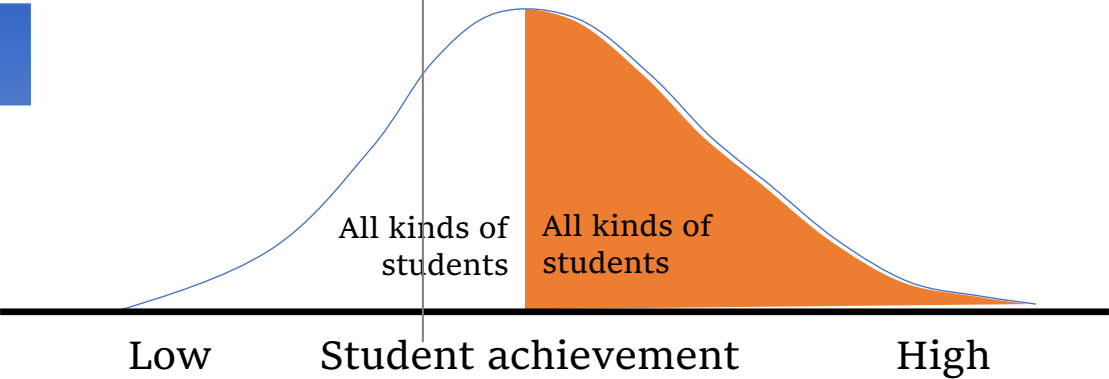
Goal 2: **All young Australians** become:

- ❖ *confident and creative individuals*
- ❖ *successful lifelong learners*
- ❖ *active and informed members of the community*

System level: Invest in equity



EQUITY



Equity and excellence are positively interrelated.



School level: Liberate passion

Equitable learning and wellbeing outcomes

Co-constructed curriculum for co-operative learning

GOOD SCHOOL

discovers and liberates everyone's individual passion

Education based on clear values and best evidence

Reciprocal interaction with the community

Whole-school, whole-child approach to teaching & learning

INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLING
AUTHOR OF *THE ELEMENT*

Ken Robinson
& Kate Robinson


Imagine IF...
Creating a Future for Us All



Students who have found their
passion can change the world.

Thank you!

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