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Re-think – Intrigue – Co-create: *Next Agenda for Leading and Learning*

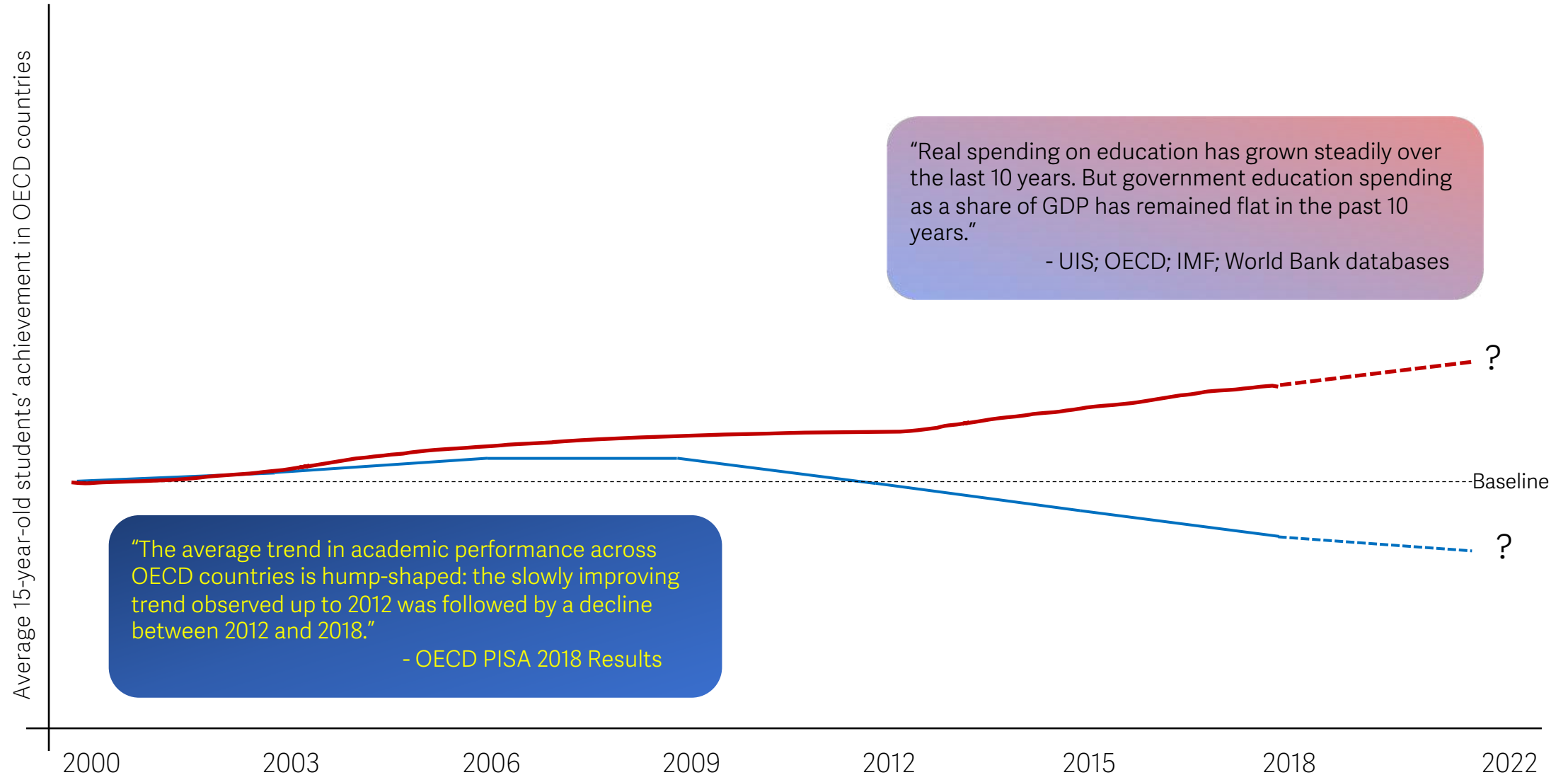
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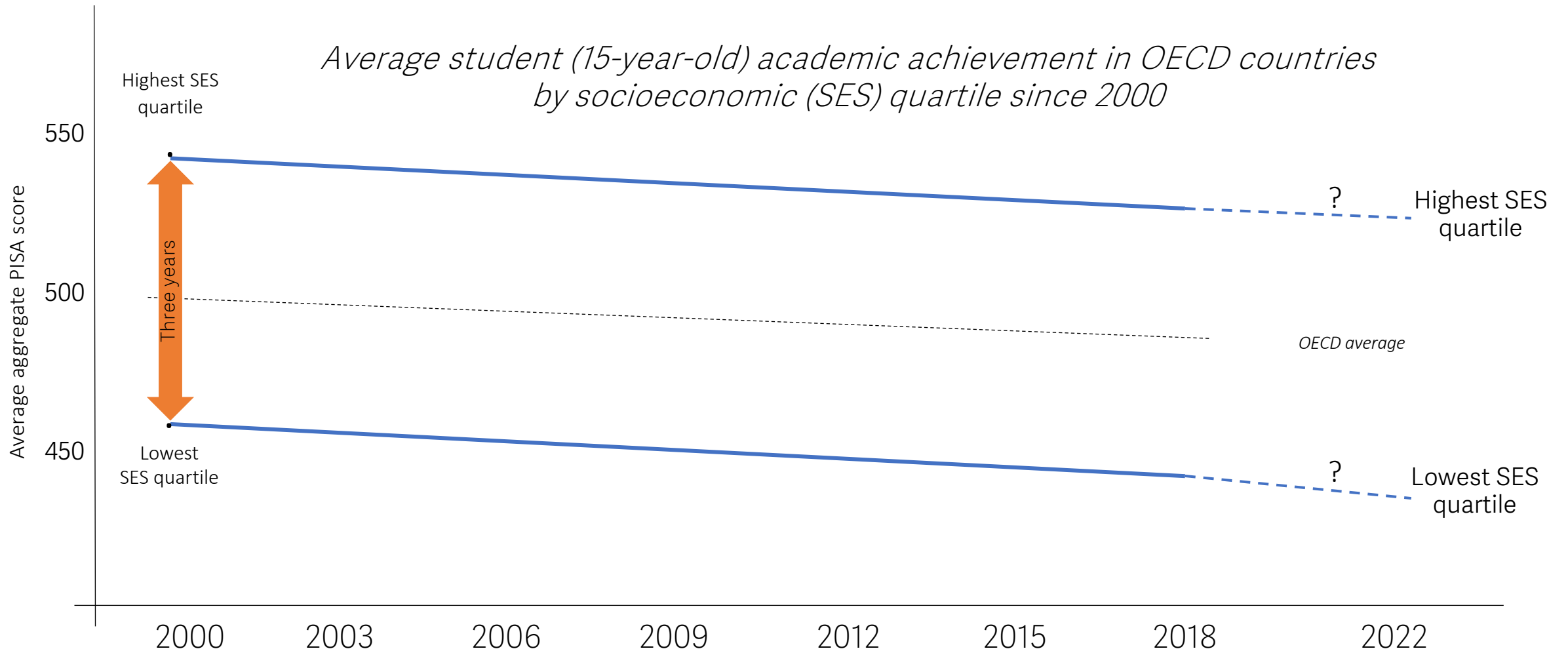
*“Australia has a good education system,
but it can be a lot better and a lot fairer.”*

- Education Minister Jason Clare on ABC Radio on 23rd Aug 2023

Re-think: The state of education

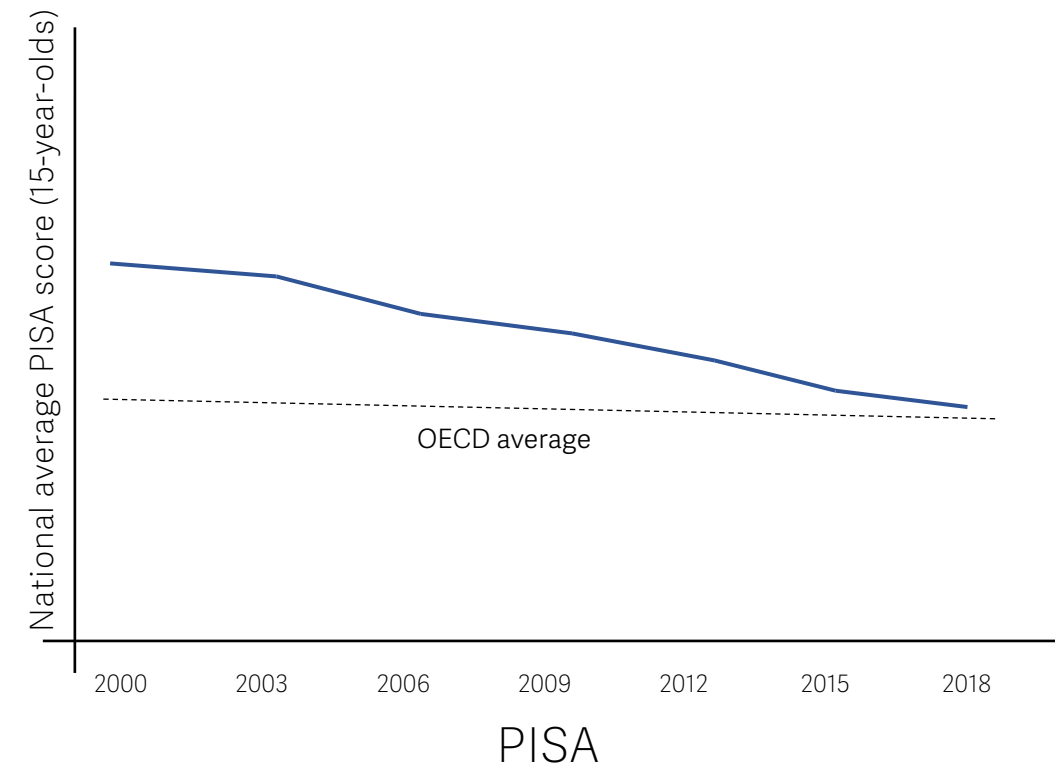
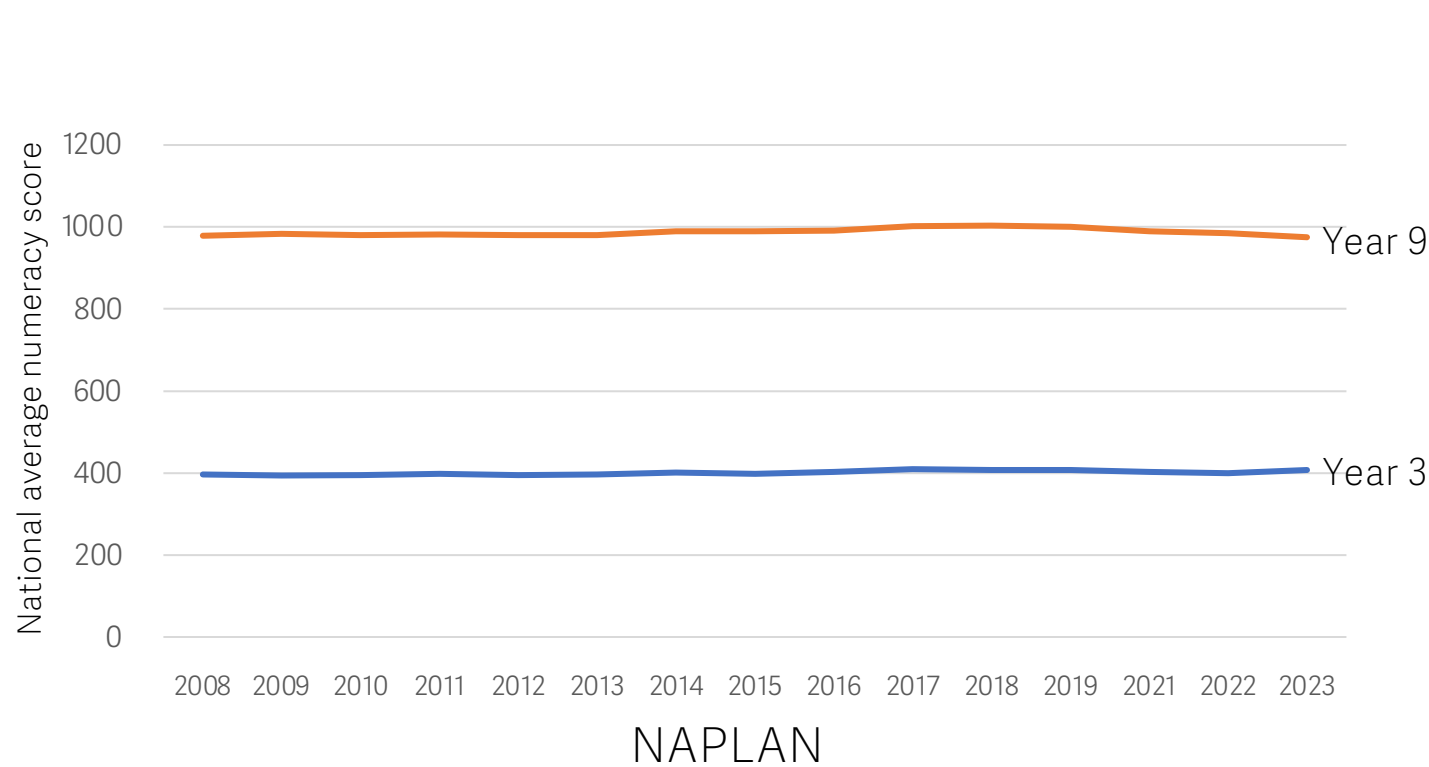


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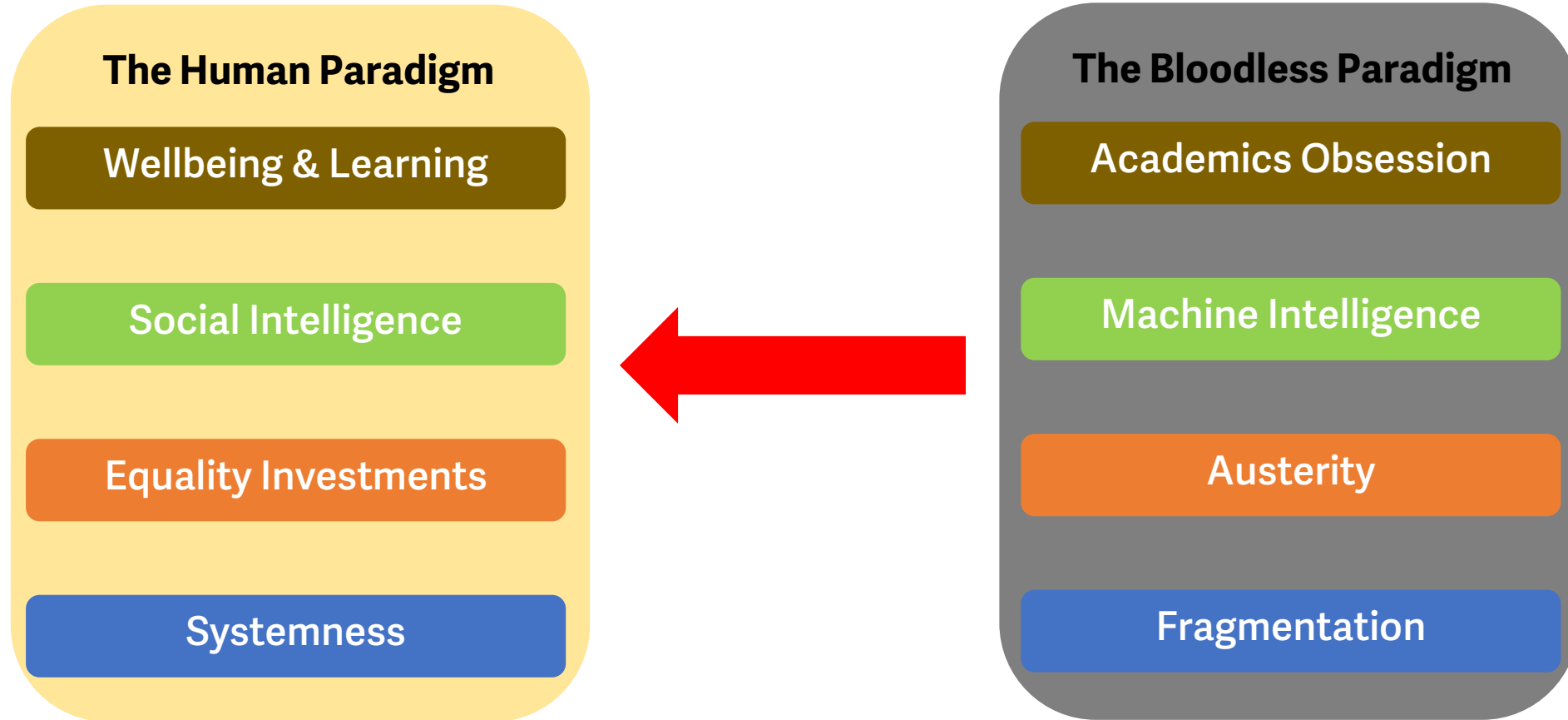


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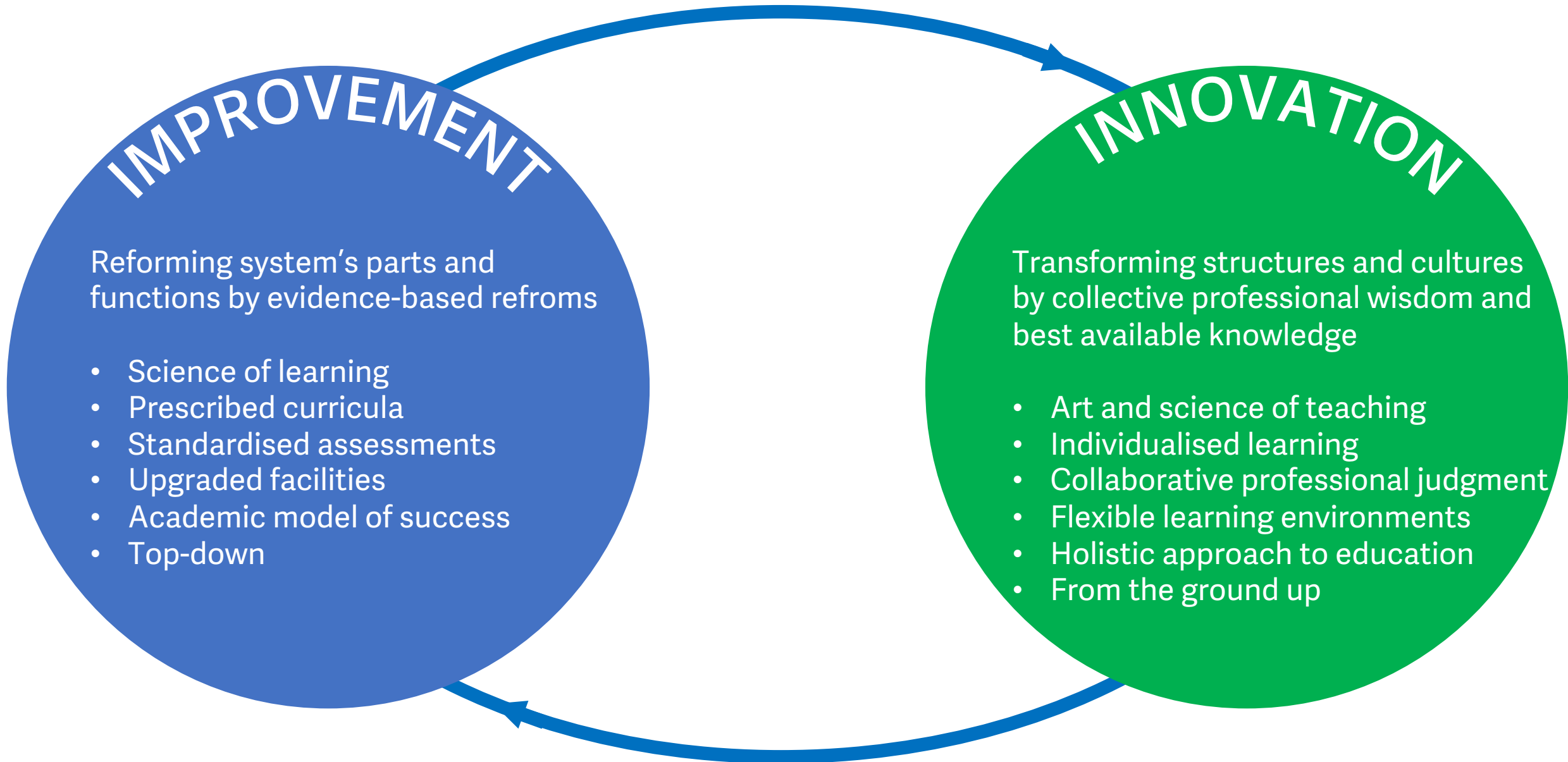
Student academic achievement in Australia in the 21st century



Intrigue: The right drivers for whole system success



Intrigue: Do different things differently



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RELATIONSHIPS

A. PARENTS AS PARTNERS

Department of Social Services:
"Research in Australia and overseas has shown that greater parental involvement in children's learning and educational activities leads to better outcomes not only for the child, but for their families and communities as well."

B. TEACHER LOOPING

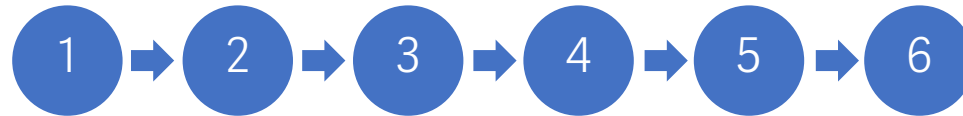
Looping is an old practice in which whole class is taught by the same teacher in two or more sequential years in school. Research shows that looping is linked to

- (1) healthier relationships,
- (2) improved student performance, and
- (3) better teacher job satisfaction.

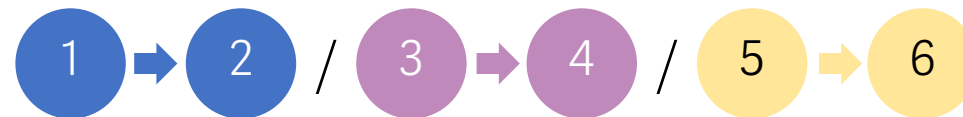
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One 6-year loop:

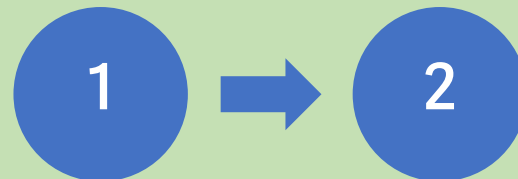


Three 2-year loops:

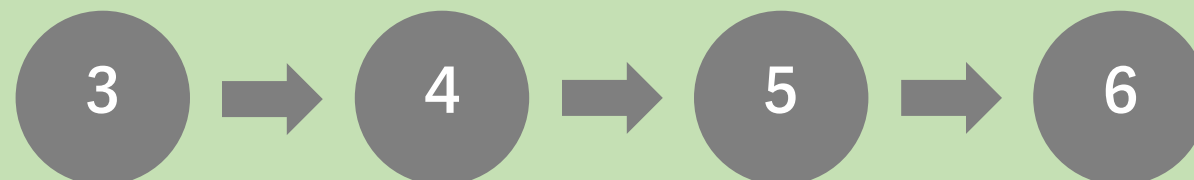


The Finnish Model

One 2-year loop:



One 4-year loop:



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WELLBEING

A. HEALTH AS A SKILL

MCRI (2023):

"Health and well-being are essential competencies for children to learn well and be well. Children with skills and competencies in wellbeing and health have been shown to have greater overall mental health and wellbeing even for children struggling with mental health and wellbeing."

B. FREE SCHOOL LUNCH

Brookings Institute (2021):

"Schoolwide free-meal programs fuel better classroom outcomes for students."

Universal free school lunches:
India, Brazil, Sweden, Estonia,
Finland, Scotland, California,
Colorado, Maine, Vermont, ...,
Victoria (?)

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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

A. MORE CHILDREN'S INDEPENDENT ACTIVITY

GRAY et al. (2023):

"A primary cause of the rise in mental disorders is a decline over decades in opportunities for children and teens to play, roam, and engage in other activities independent of direct oversight and control by adults."

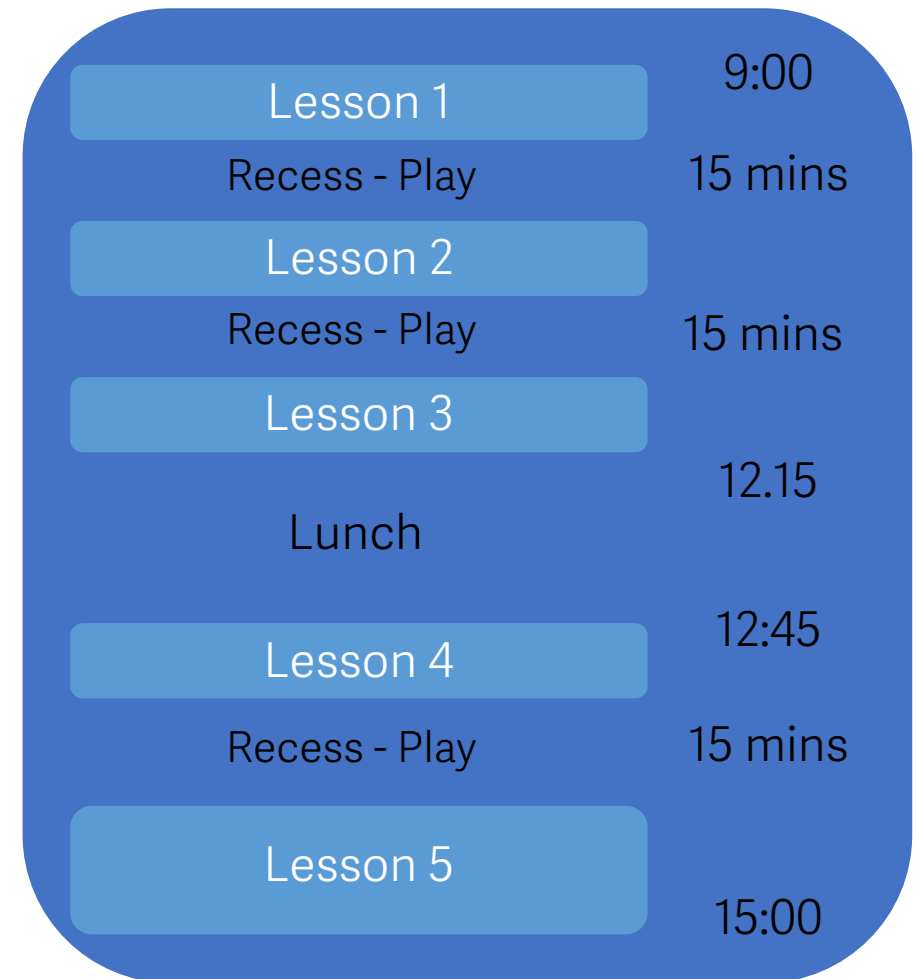
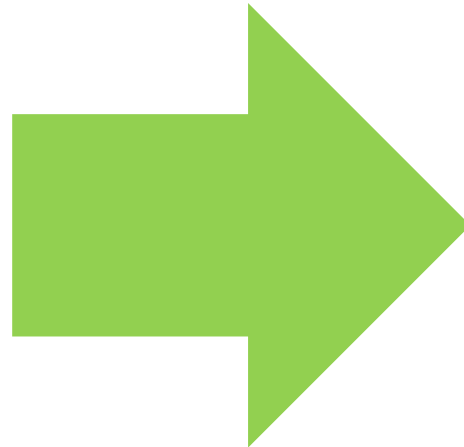
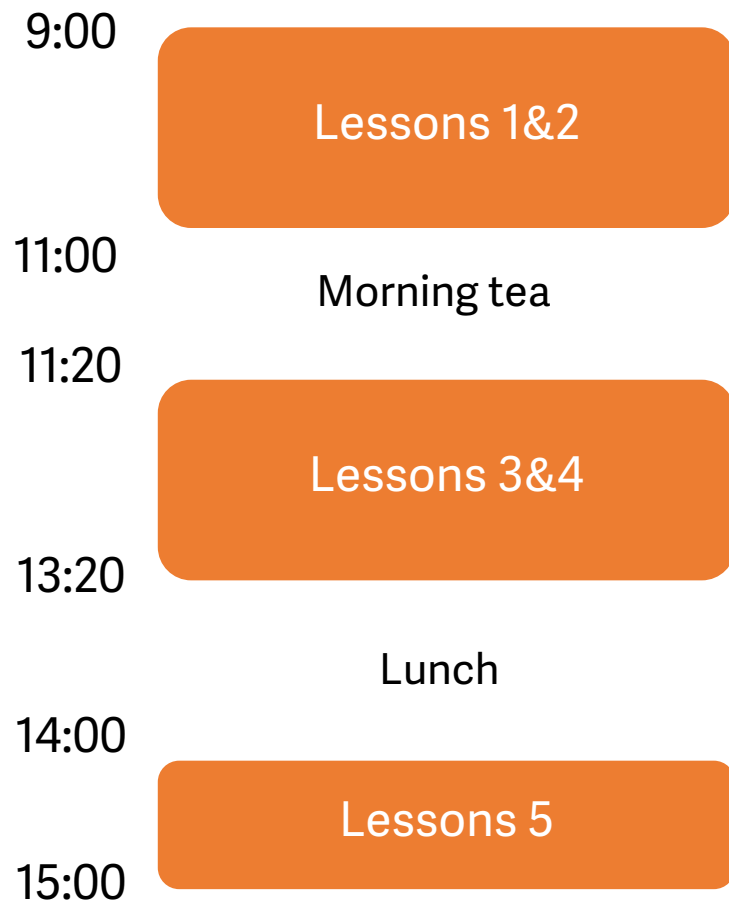
B. NEW DAILY SCHEDULE IN SCHOOL

Child development studies suggest that the period of time for which a child typically can maintain focus on a given task (i.e., attention span) in primary school ranges from about 10 mins to 30 mins.

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THE POWER OF MUSIC

A. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH PLYING MUSIC

GUHN et al. (2020):

“Those who took several years of instrumental music class had higher scores in math and science in grade 10 and higher English scores in Grade 12 exams and were one year ahead of their peers.”

B. WELLBEING THROUGH MUSIC EDUCATION

SCIENCE DAILY (2023):

Research on the impact of music education shows that for adolescents, the benefits appear to extend beyond a surge in neural connections in their brains. It actually boosts their wellbeing.

Thank you!