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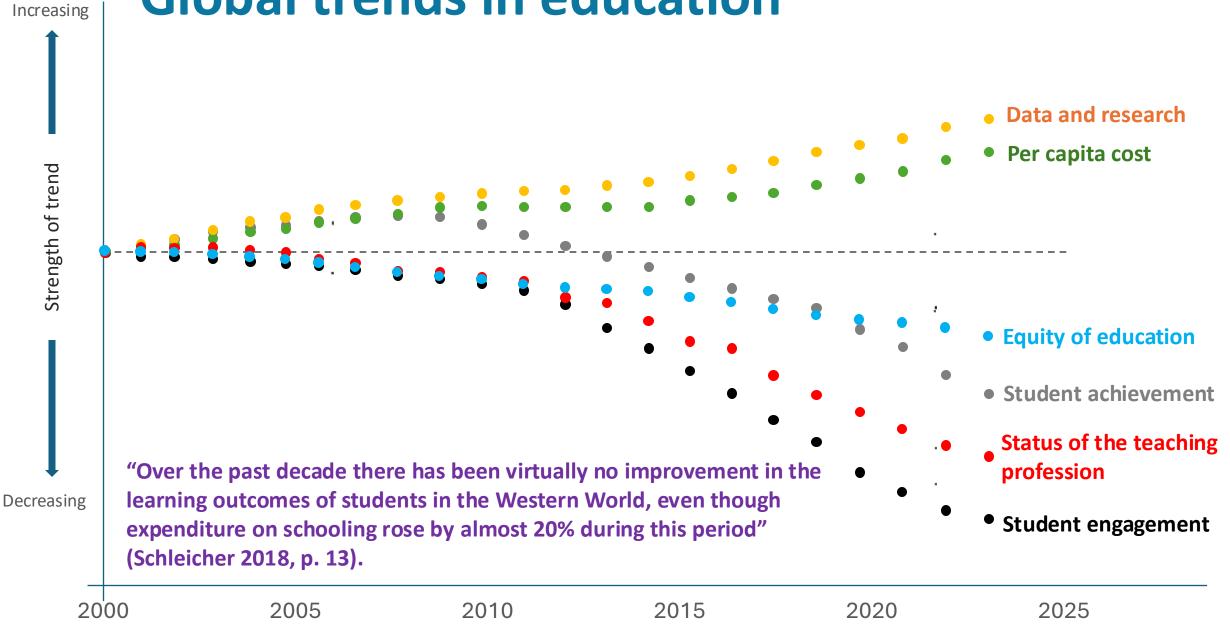
Key trends in global education

How are we going?

Pasi Sahlberg 21 March 2025



Global trends

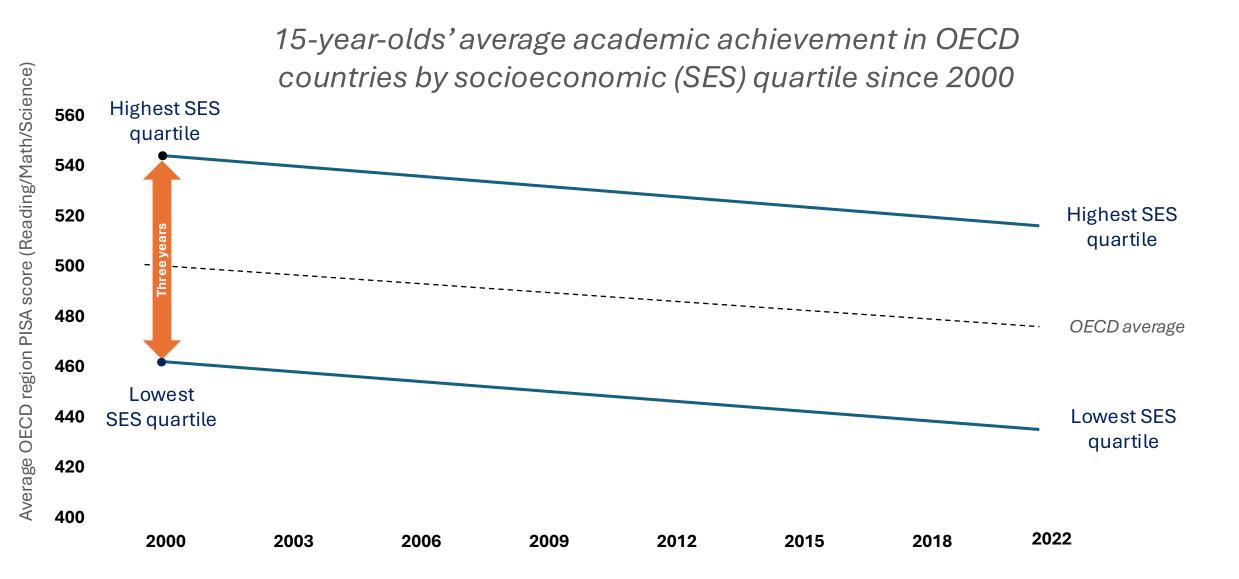


Global trends in education

Sources: OECD Education database; UNESCO GEM database; UNESCO Institute for Statistics; World Bank database; OECD 2018.



Academic achievement gaps





"260 million children, adolescents and youth are **not at school** – just half of them achieve the basic level of proficiency required."

– Global Education Monitoring Report 2020





"The achievement gaps across the OECD countries between the most socio-economically advantaged and disadvantaged 15-year-old students is equivalent to over 3 years of schooling." –OECD PISA 2018

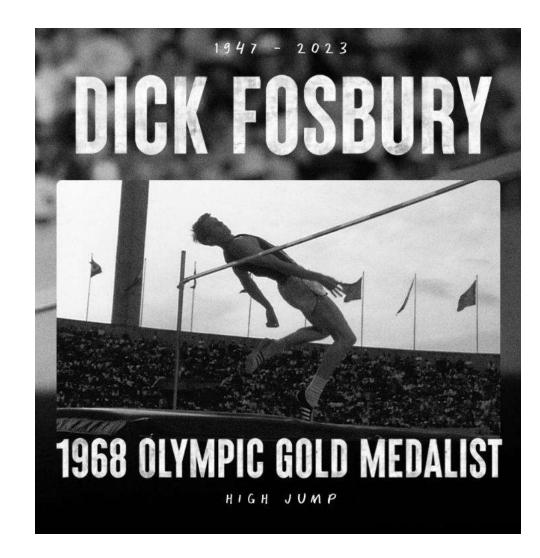


"There is **a global learning crisis** that amplifies educational inequalities that severely hobbles the disadvantaged youth who most need the boost that a good education can offer." – World Bank Human Development Report 2018



"We can't keep doing the same thing and expect different results."

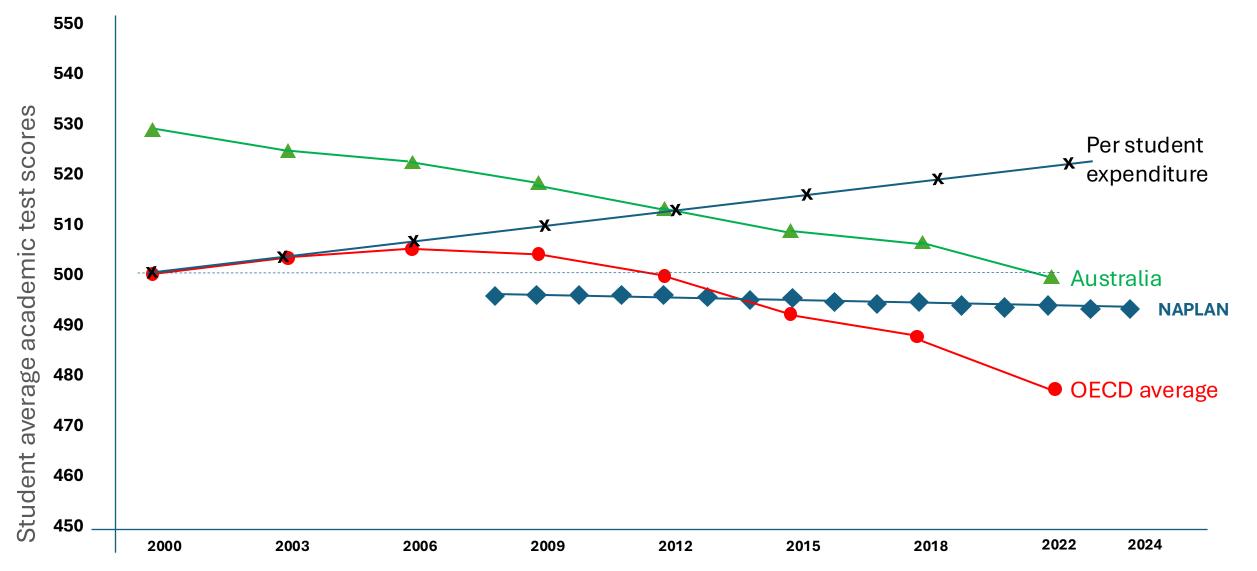
What next?





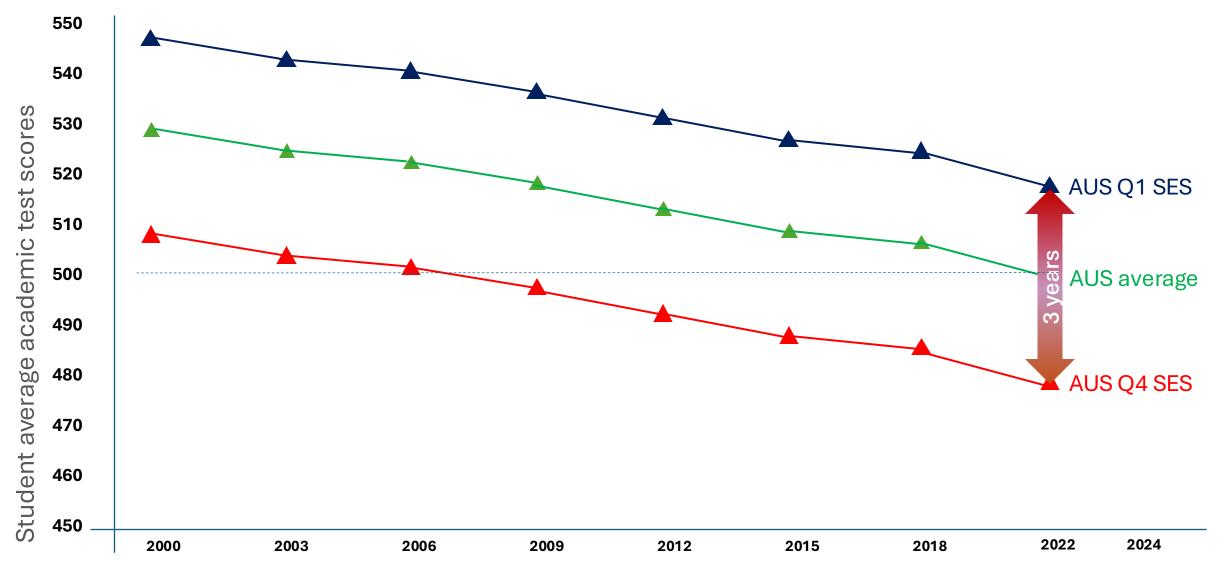
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Student achievement in Australia since 2000



Source: OECD PISA database; ACARA database

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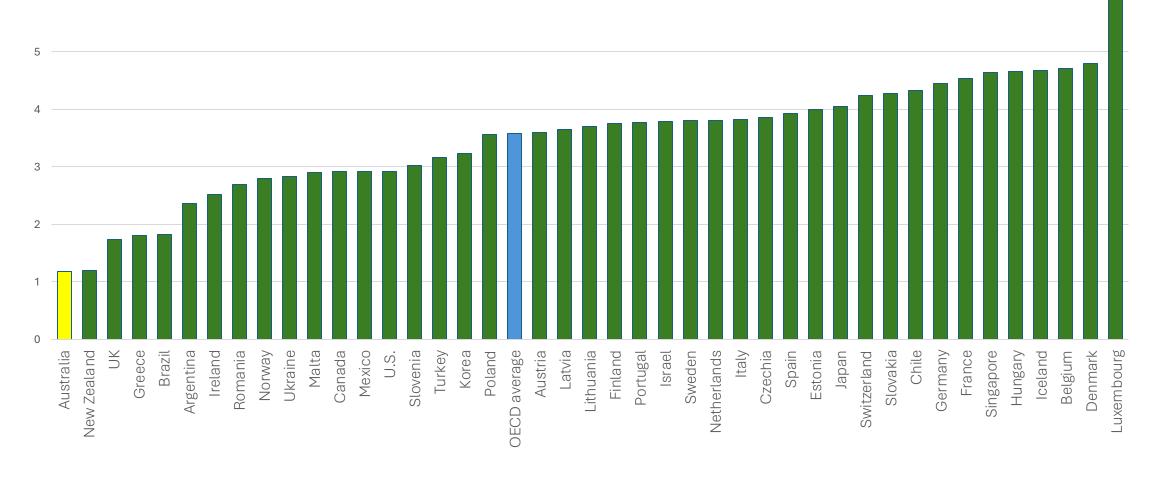




Learning time in foreign language lessons

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Where are the creative thinkers?

rength in creative thinking en READING performance

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Strong relative performance	Belgium Korea Latvia* Singapore	$ \begin{array}{c} \end{array} $
Moderate relative performance	Denmark* Portugal Estonia Qatar Israel Spain Lithuania United Arab Emirates Poland	Chile Costa Rica El Salvador Mexico Uruguay
	Moderate relative performance	Strong relative performance

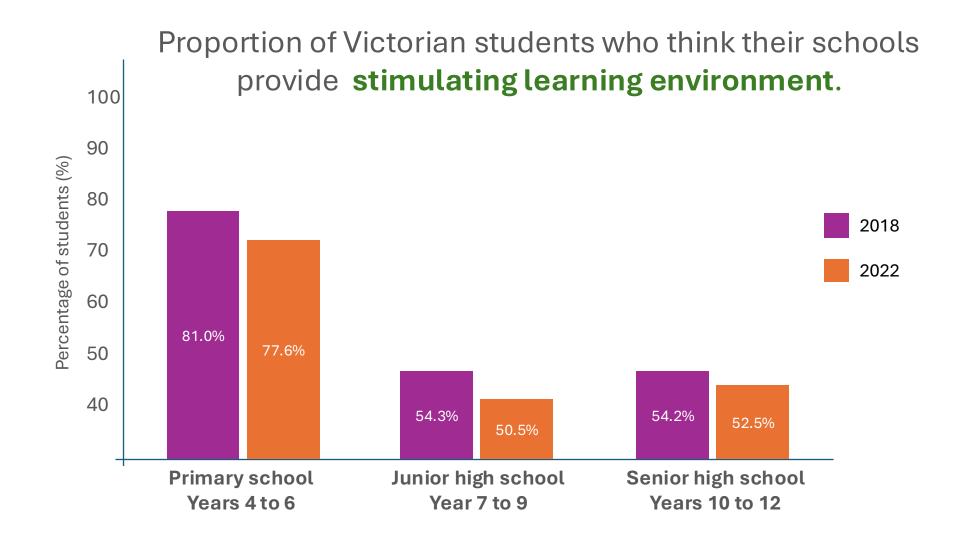
Relative strength in creative thinking given MATHEMATICS performance

Source: OECD PISA database

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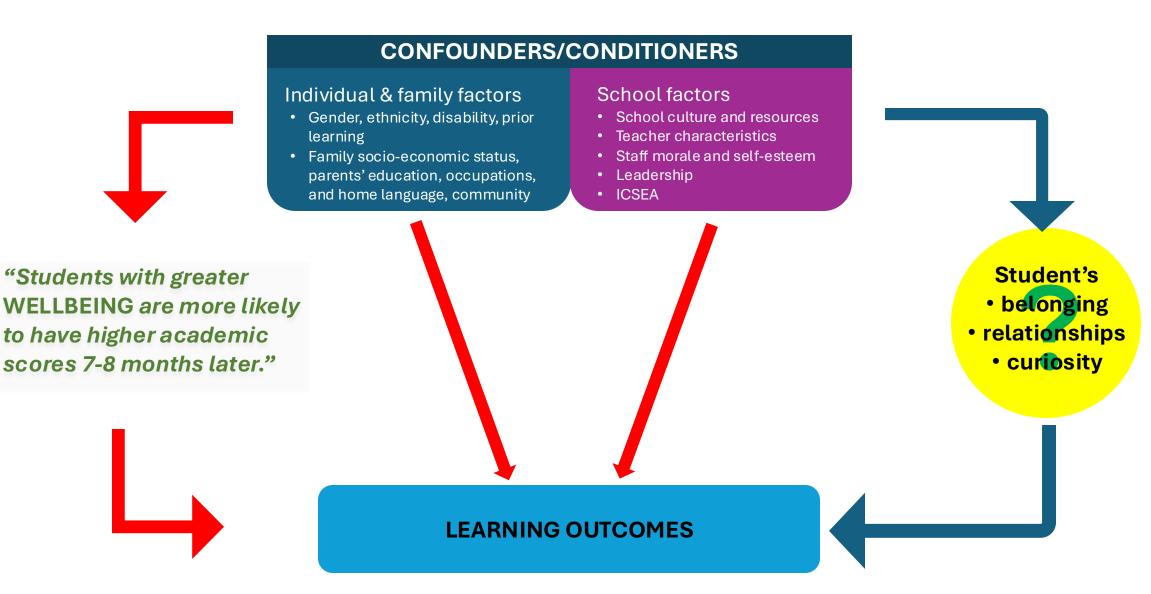


Schools as a stimulating place to learn



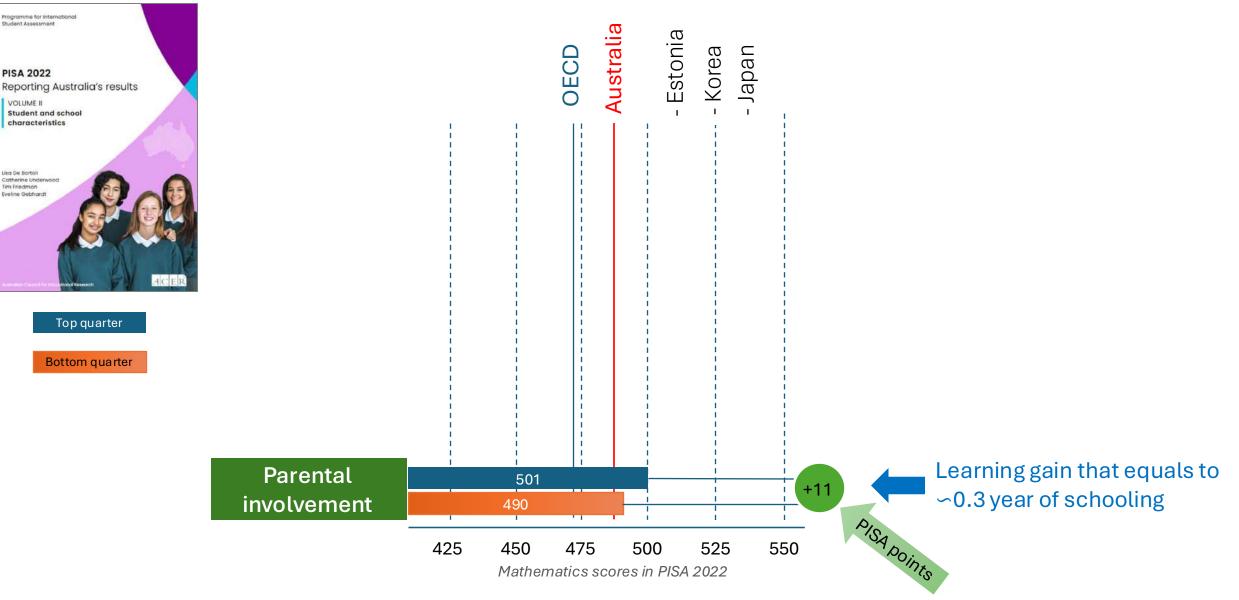
Factors explaining student learning in school

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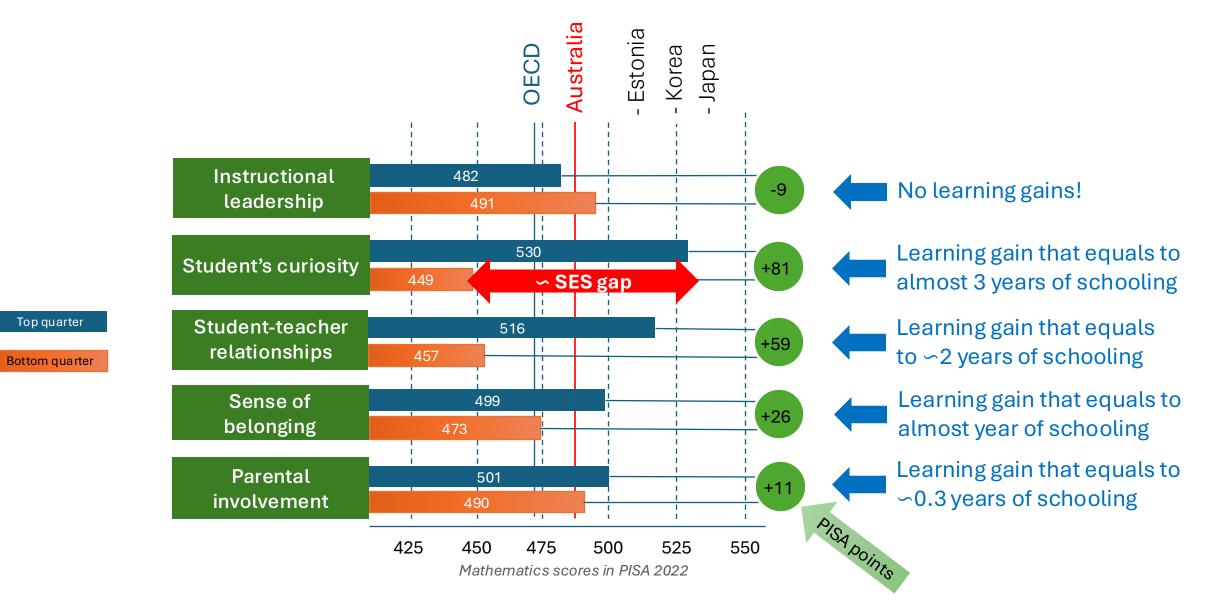
Source: Miller at al. (2022). Time spent playing predicts early reading and math skills through associations with self-regulation. J Appl Dev Psychol . 2022; 83.

The role of student & school characteristics



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Thank you!

