

Education and Learning


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“I was recently on a tour of Latin America,
and the only regret I have was that I
didn’t study Latin harder in school so I
could converse with those people”

- Falsely attributed to Dan Quayle
44th Vice President of the United States



“What a waste it is to lose one’s mind.
Or not to have a mind is being
very wasteful - How true that is”

Dan Quayle

The Education Landscape

- Quality and the schools review
- Equity
- PISA
- Literacy
- Maori- closing the gap
- ACE
- Population diversity
- Supports
 - TPU
 - ISSN
 - Activities Centre
 - Gifted and Talented
 - Gateway
 - Community funding

Morphing from syllabus to curriculum

- 2010
- Key Competencies

“Capabilities for living and lifelong learning”

- Critical thinkers
 - Self starters and self managers
 - Adaptable and creative innovators
 - Team players
 - Community minded
- Pedagogy, changes in thinking

Social Inequality

- High Achievers/Dysfunctional drop outs
 - Nurturing families
 - Fractured families
 - Truancy convictions
 - Suspensions
 - Wasted youth

Retention of Talent

- Migration to university and beyond
- Exporting our best brains
- Modern demographics
- Urban drift
- Migration to mega cities

“Being dumb is dangerous for individuals- society and Southlanders need to step up”

- Online response to Poorer, Sicker, Dumber
Southland Times 27/08/09

Fitness for Purpose

