

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE WORKPLACE

A recent survey* asked for people's views on education in Australia and how they thought it was preparing students for the future workplace. Below are the responses to some of the survey questions.

How concerned are you about how well today's children are being educated for the future workplace?

20.3% are extremely concerned
47.1% are somewhat concerned
26.1% are marginally concerned
6.5% are not concerned at all

Do you think the current school curriculum is equipping children well with all the skills they will need to thrive in a professional working environment?

13.8% said yes
42.4% said no
43.8% are not sure

What areas do you think the current curriculum is lacking in?

Top five responses:

23.2% Basic literacy (writing, reading, arithmetic)
13.7% Life skills
12.3% Soft skills (social, communication and people skills)
7.3% Real-world skills
7.1% Practical knowledge

How confident are you that most of today's children are getting the kind of education they need to be able to work the jobs of the future?

3.2% are extremely confident
28.3% are somewhat confident
39.1% are marginally confident
29.4% are not confident at all

* 1000 Australian adults were surveyed during June 2018.

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