

[RE]LEARN Takeaways

Conversation with Martin Dougiamis, Founder of Moodle

FOR EDUCATORS

- Healthy to take this time out to reflect, take stock of ourselves as a species and how we want to do things differently in future
- Self-direction, parental involvement and learner agency - some of the greatest lessons learnt from some of the world's earliest distance learning programmes in Australia.
- Consider multiple mediums and formats -- both online and offline. Video is the most obvious direct replacement people flock to for remote learning -- while it is good for creating human connection, but learning via video is not necessarily as strong.
- Watching videos is a passive medium. If they aren't actively engaging, they
- Most effective is where you're creating the scenario for students to create things themselves (write, contribute to a collaborative environment, etc), building in feedback loops
- Make sessions collaborative in a synchronous and asynchronous way throughout the day
- Create little daily challenges, for example "question of the day" or "daily dilemma" and have shorter but constant engagement
- Create small challenges - create a picture on this topic and bring it back tomorrow to share

FOR LEADERS & POLICY MAKERS

- Connecting young people to the world of work is crucial to innovate and stay ahead as they can bring fresh perspective
- We can learn from other industries and apply it to learning, for example, the power of the feedback loop and how to create and share content
- Don't expect the same pace initially and give everybody time to adjust -- create small milestones towards change
- Wellness and meditation are key topics -- don't get too carried away with what happens on screen, focus on breathing and feeling centered and calm. Avoid distractions in other windows.

FOR PARENTS

- The single best thing during this distance learning programme is to get kids into reading and into the world of books
- We can't physically travel but we can travel with our imaginations
- Allow your kids to "go deep" into the areas they are passionate about - chances are it may shape their future areas of interest and even career
- Group experiences can be fun -- we've had a few friends' birthday parties with 20 to 30 people on zoom. No fixed agenda and give people freedom to share in those contexts.
- Make choices and be mindful of your "information diet" to divide up your day and commit to maximum time looking at the news, for example, or how to juggle family schedules to avoid having work meetings at the same time as needing to help kids with learning activities or school work.