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NOTICE

**NEXT AWARENESS
AFTERNOONS:
Sat 4 Dec 2 – 4.30pm**

**ADDults ANNUAL
CONFERENCE
Sat Sept 18
9 – 4.30pm
at Sydney Inst. TAFE**

**Office hours:
10.30AM – 2.30PM
TUES, WED & THURS**

**Wishing all dads a
HAPPY FATHER'S
DAY
Sunday 5 Sept**



WILL THIS BE THE ANSWER....

When you hear that the Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Education Minister addressed the CEDA Leader Series in Adelaide, and Julia Gillard said :***“some 40% of Australian workers don't have the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed in a modern workforce. That equates to around 4.5 million Australians.”*** ***“There is no question that this is a sensitive area but it is one that we must face”....*** you could be forgiven for thinking – at last someone at the decision making level must realise there is a big problem in our education system.

Firstly they started by **raising the school leaving age to 17 years** – that was a decision of real concern, and now **the School Certificate is under review.**

See review:

http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/schoolcertificate/sc_review.html

then read:

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/schoolcertificate/sc-presidents-message.html>

It is critical that alternate pathways be developed, and the learning needs be met, for those significantly underachieving and now required to remain at school until 17years.

In NSW, to leave school before completing Year 10 and attend a TAFE college, students will need approval from the school principal, the TAFE responsible person, and the parent/guardian. They also need to have an approved learning plan and be engaged in an approved TAFE program. Parents will be prosecuted under the *Education Act* for unsatisfactory school attendance, or failure to participate in an eligible option after Yr10.

It's ironic that some of the world's most creative and brilliant entrepreneurs have significant learning differences, incl. Kerry Packer, Winston Churchill, Richard Branson, and Johnny Depp to name a few. But in the push for academia, will the decision makers ensure we do not miss the potential in those who struggle with literacy in today's world?

Joy Toll, Secretary/Editor

“We trained hard ... but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams, we would be re-organised. I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by re-organising; and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency and demoralisation.” **Petronius AD65**

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