

HOW TO ROLL OUT THE PROGRAM

With three terms under our belts we had to step back and take a strategic approach and the Christmas holidays was a great time to reflect and regroup. As the program had to be self-sustaining in the long term, it was time to come up with a way to impart what we'd learnt and train the trainer, so to speak.

I attended an Art of Hosting training course on the Mid Coast which was invaluable in helping to develop and clarify the next phase of the program. This course gave me the opportunity to fine tune the critical questions. What is it that we were trying to do? Whose support did we need? Who were the stakeholders? This is a task you will need to undertake if adopting this method of teaching. Art of Hosting is a way of harvesting meaningful conversations that matter. It is a participatory approach where attendees all contribute to a shared vision.

You can locate the templates we used on the website, so you can repeat the process. I can highly recommend Art of Hosting training to anyone who is keen to make change, find a link on our website.

A question to ponder – what is the purpose of education?

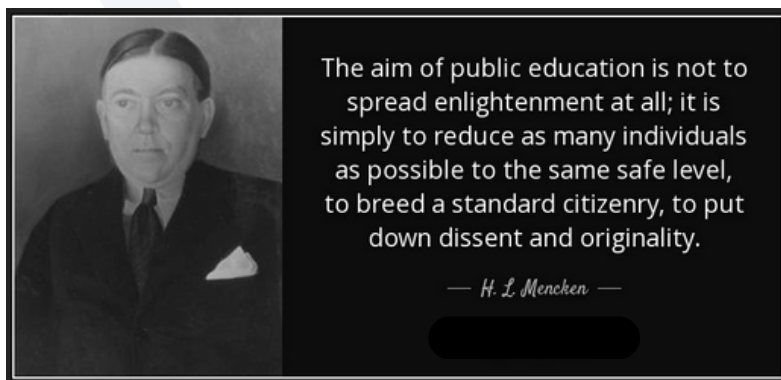
"Germany's compulsory education system expressed six outcomes in its original syllabus documents:

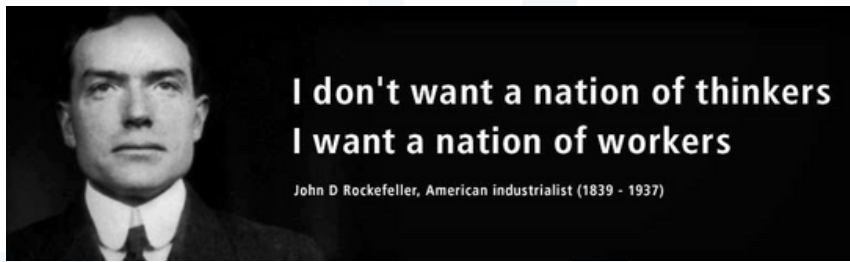
- 1. Obedient soldiers to the army.*
- 2. Obedient workers for mines, factories, and farms.*
- 3. Well-subordinated civil servants.*
- 4. Well-subordinated clerks for industry.*
- 5. Citizens who thought alike on most issues.*
- 6. National uniformity in thought, word and deed.*

And it spread like wildfire; to Hungary in 1868, Austria in 1869, Switzerland in 1874, Italy in 1877, Holland in 1878, Belgium in 1879, Britain in 1880, France in 1882. From there it quickly expanded further to European colonies, including Australia". (Yunkaporta, 2019).

This was the origin of our education system!

And this!





In some ways - we have yet to move past this...



So I encourage you all to really think about what we need our young people to be learning and how. And I also encourage you to buy a copy of Sand Talk (as featured in the top right). This exercise can be conducted by anyone including principals, teachers, parents and community members. Young people should also be invited to provide feedback. This is a participatory approach for harvesting conversations that matter, so it's important to get all stakeholders on board.

Read the Art of Hosting notes to get an idea of how to go about it...