

## KEYS TO GREAT TEACHING

In a recent report entitled “What Works Best” the NSW Education Department identified what constitutes effective classroom teaching and learning.

The research recommends a return to basics, including high expectations of students, consistent classroom management and effective feedback. Teachers need to teach, students need a clear understanding of what is expected and classrooms need a disciplined, focused environment with rigorous curriculum embodying high standards. The report concludes; - “The clearest findings indicate the value of refocusing on the basics” and notes that “Students who experience explicit teaching practises perform better than those who do not”

The report identified 7 keys to achieving high student outcomes:

1. **High expectations of students:** are linked with higher performance for **all** students.
2. **Explicit Teaching:** Students need clear instructions on what is expected of them and what they need to learn from tasks, to perform their best.
3. **Effective feedback:** is one of the most powerful influences on student achievement. Feedback that focuses on improving tasks, processes and student self-regulation.
4. **Classroom management:** Consistent classroom management is important for creating the conditions for learning.
5. **Ensuring the wellbeing of students:** Evidence suggests that higher levels of wellbeing are linked to higher academic achievement, Year 12 completion, better mental health and a more pro-social and responsible lifestyle.
6. **Using data to identify and address problem areas:** Effective analysis of student data helps teachers identify areas in which students’ learning needs may require additional attention and development.
7. **Collaborating with colleagues:** A whole-of-school focus is needed to develop a culture of excellence. School leaders need to support teachers’ professional learning, take a central role in collaborative networks and work to identify the strengths and weaknesses of teaching at their school. [To read the full report click here](#)

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