

Say NO to OBE !

It's time that we, as individual parents, teachers and students, say NO to OBE !

It isn't working in primary. It isn't working in Year 11 English.

"Pure OBE" didn't work in NSW, or Victoria, or South Australia, or New Zealand, or South Africa, or the 50 USA states. Everywhere it has been tried, it has either been rejected or modified so greatly that it is no longer OBE.

The "Level Descriptors" are a sick joke, a mockery: they've made WA the laughing-stock of Australia. **Where OBE has been tried overseas, research shows lower competency in basic maths and literacy skills.**

Do you really know how well your children are going in school?

Some teachers are awarding every child in the class an "A" but it obviously no longer means anything.

There is something fundamentally wrong with an approach that actually says "No one fails: they have *Deferred Success*". Pity that 18 year olds are "Deferring" learning how to read, write and do sums.

Thank Goodness our airline pilots, surgeons and bomb-disposal experts aren't trained that way !

Primary children study Ancient Egypt for 5 years in a row but have never heard of World War 2. **There is no coordination between year levels. It's not the teachers' fault: they have no guidance and no syllabus.**

OBE proponents ignore, at our children's peril, research on effective teaching that shows we need more "formal instruction" and less "student-directed and group learning".

The proposed "OBE Compromise" model is an abomination: "mutton dressed up as lamb". OBE is a 20-year-old, discredited method of instruction that masquerades as a "21st century marvel". It isn't !

Where is the evidence supporting the Government's position? OBE has never been properly tested or evaluated in WA. The bureaucrats and the Government refuse to commission independent evaluations.

OBE is converting the 3 R's to the 3 D's: Deliberately Dumbed Down. You children will be the "laboratory rats" that suffer from a failed experiment.

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