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REPORT ON 15-YEARS OF RESEARCH SHEDS NEW LIGHT ON THE SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL WELLBEING (SEWB) OF AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS!

Since 2003, 137,408 students enrolled in 701 Australian primary and secondary schools have completed Professor Michael Bernard's Survey of Social-Emotional Well Being published by the Australian Council for Educational Research. Research findings have now been published: Bernard, M.E., & A. Stephanou, (2017). Ecological levels of social and emotional wellbeing of young people. Child Indicators Research. DOI 10.1007/s12187-017-9466-7.

THE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Research reveals that a young person's level of SEWB is determined by quality of parenting, engagement at school, community connectedness as well as character (values, strengths), attitudes and social-emotional skills.







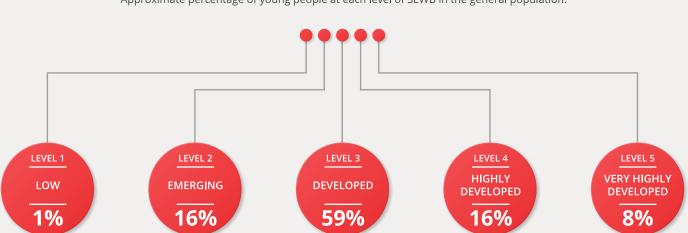
INSIDE WORLD



FEELINGS BEHAVIOURS

SEWB LEVELS FOR CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS

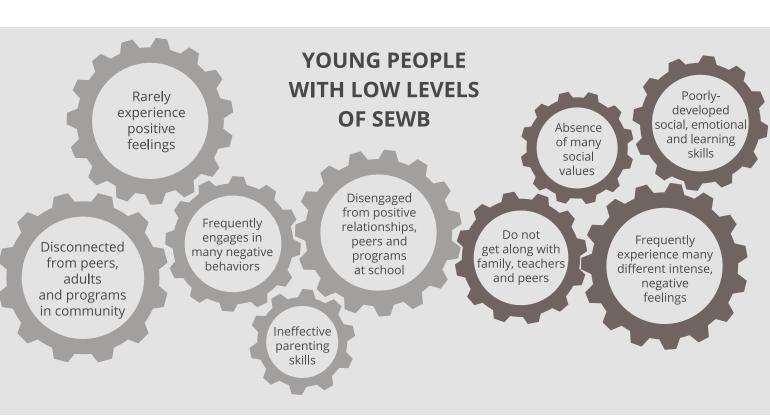
Five different levels of SEWB of Australian youth have been discovered. Approximate percentage of young people at each level of SEWB in the general population.



YOUNG PEOPLE WITH HIGHLY DEVELOPED SEWB









Overall SEWB of girls is slightly higher than boys. However, in some aspects of their emotional lives, girls rate themselves higher in negative emotionality than boys.

SEWB IN BOYS VS GIRLS



Feel very stressed

Worry too much

or what others

about schoolwork

33% 44%

boys

49% 60%

girls

to describe how they feel deep down

Think "I'm a failure"

when they do badly

in their schoolwork

Find it hard

59%

30%

boys

64%

36%

think of them Think that someone who treats them

person and that it is

I am confident when doing difficult schoolwork

unfairly is a bad

33% okay to hurt them back

15%

Feel lonely

18%

2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

76% 67% 70% 70% 59% 64% 58% 61% 63% 60% 53% 58% 59% 58% 59%

AUSTRALIAN SEWB IN YOUNG PEOPLE [2003-2017]

15 YEAR SNAPSHOT OF

Over the past 15 years, the SEWB of Australian young people has remained fairly stable with some exceptions.

I feel very stressed	29%	32%	33%	19%	31%	32%	37%	36%	37%	37%	43%	41%	44%	47%	49%
I worry too much about schoolwork or what others think	44%	41%	44%	38%	39%	40%	47%	49%	49%	49%	54%	54%	57%	57%	58%
I could do a lot better in my schoolwork	61%	65%	74%	65%	66%	54%	72%	74%	61%	64%	75%	72%	68%	70%	70%
l give up easily when l don't understand or am bored	32%	47%	35%	35%	39%	32%	40%	42%	38%	40%	44%	42%	40%	40%	38%
I have difficulty controlling my anger	41%	37%	38%	32%	30%	27%	64%	36%	38%	32%	29%	30%	28%	29%	28%
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YCDI! Education programs are based on international research AND studies by Professor Michael Bernard and his colleagues into the social-emotional development of children and adolescents. Evaluation studies continue to show highly beneficial effects of YCDI! programs on the attitudes

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and social-emotional skills of young people leading to improved achievement, relationships and wellbeing.

