

Schools must not only concentrate on academic results. This puts artistic minded children on the back burner, resulting in feelings of failure, low self esteem and stress, particularly if children are struggling in Maths and English and have little or no support. At my daughters public school there is no qualified music or drama teachers and it is very difficult to qualify for academic support. Children are often labelled as not paying attention, ADD or ADHD resulting in the child thinking there is something wrong with them . These children are often misdiagnosed and drugged, resulting in sometimes more sinister problems like self harm and suicidal thoughts. Therapy should be the first option always! More also needs to be addressed in schools in regard to the harmful affects of drug use, too much social media and the tragic consequences of childhood abuse. It is vital that children who are being or have been abused, understand that it is important to speak up before it damages any hope of a healthy happy future for them or their families and close friends.