

Technology why we should be using it.

Here are 2 secrets that many schools here don't seem to know, especially in WA. Tell your kids these.

- 1 Laptops are really good at spelling and neat.
- 2 Calculators are really good at arithmetic.

Word processors and laptops – why dyslexic and dyspraxics need to be able to use them.

I am getting very frustrated with so many schools that refuse to let severely dyslexia and even dyspraxic kids use laptops.

Why is Australia so obsessed about handwriting. Doesn't this country realize that word processors are not about to become extinct! They will still be here when your kids leave school. Most of the high schools that my pupils go to still insist on first and second hand written drafts before a kid types up an essay. PLEASE, PLEASE REALIZE THAT THE TYPEWRITER IS NO LONGER USED!!! Even little kids can spellcheck and alter text on computers.

Do you actually want your child to be a twenty first century innovator? Or do you want your child to be taught how to be a Medieval clerk? I can tell you now, there are very few job opportunities for Medieval clerks.

Here are 10 reasons to tell your school why your kids should be using laptops rather than handwriting.

- 1 Word processing is a life skill they will need when an adult.
- 2 Handwriting is no longer a life skill. When did you last get a hand written letter? Well from anyone under the age of 50.
- 3 We have invented good slaves that can check our spelling. Let our kids use them.
- 4 Laptops tend to be incredibly neat.
- 5 Voice overs, go to www.dyslexicentreaustralia.com to get a free voice over, make excellent editing tools. I use them all the time.
- 6 Kids do not hand write a first draft before emailing, twittering or texting a friend. Making them do this at school is just plain stupid and further detaches school from real life.
- 7 These computer slaves we now have are very good at communicating with the rest of the world through emails, facebook, google, twitter etc.
- 8 Computers are a part of everyday and are getting smarter and smarter.
- 9 Every time your kid spells a word incorrectly the computer tells them. It's like having a teacher sitting on your shoulder all the time.
- 10 Having invented computers to do the medieval clerks jobs why are we expecting our kids to still do this stuff?