

EDUCATING BOYS

1. "Many are disengaged, they don't even want to try" is a quote from page 2, issue 4 of "About the House" Magazine, in respect to Education of Boys.
2. To be engaged you need to be interested or have an interest fastened by a teacher and then you need the ability to concentrate, sift facts and analyse information. Teaching was once a vocation. Now it's a profession and some professionals may be there for the wrong reasons and perhaps teachers motivation is lessened by the Employer requiring the teacher to also be a defacto social worker.
3. Since the mid 1950's we have had distractions of TV, Videos, Drugs, PC's et al and the brain washing inflicted by the imposition of American values, as exemplified pictorially in your photograph (page 1) of American Boys.
4. When you say in your article "Educating Boys" that the girls are outpacing the boys you really need to put this scenario in the context of compared to what period. We had a girl at work age 27 who had a poor grasp of grammar, spelling and maths but she was better in this aspect than some other persons in the office, in the Managers opinion, one boy in particular.
4. Because the disengagement of boys is so common there has to be a common denominator or many which combine to create a don't care attitude and you don't really need a hypothesis by readers of "About the House" but an anonymous survey completed by boys in the affected age bracket.
5. Some areas of influence could be;
 - (a) Negative press such as The Western Sydney School where pupils were classed as failures;
 - (b) The high expectations put on immature youth to excel at school in order to be a success in a society which puts a monetary worth on everything and to disengage is a way of saying I'm not playing your game without admitting a failure to keep up with peers.

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