

# Schooling

## Promoting the teaching methods and school facilities that best prepare students for the future

- ▶ What can be done to prepare students better for a rapidly changing world?
- ▶ How can schools provide a safe, sustainable and inspiring environment for learning?
- ▶ What can be done to better prepare teachers to lead and learn in a changing world?

OECD's triennial **Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)** surveys have revealed wide differences in the quality of learning outcomes across countries, as well as in the capacity of countries to moderate social inequalities. They also reveal some of the features of schools and school systems that do well or that have seen rapid improvement, students' attitudes, to the learning environment at school, to the allocation of resources to education.

The challenge facing schools is how to move from a "pass/fail" mentality to creating customised learning systems that identify and develop the talents of all students through knowledge-rich, evidence-based education systems. The policies to do this exist, but the **Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS)** provides, for the first time ever, a rich dataset on how they are actually being implemented, based on the experience of some 90 000 teachers and school principals, representing over 2 million professionals participating in the survey in 23 countries.

A changing world requires educators who want to both lead and learn. **Improving School Leadership** provides them with in-depth analyses of different approaches to school leadership, while **Innovative Learning Environments** explores how today's schools can be transformed to foster deep learning and prepare their learners for the rapidly changing 21st century, looking beyond the institutional structures of schooling. Work on **Sustainable Schools** focuses on how to design and deliver safe, healthy and high quality educational facilities.



Society will change radically over the twelve or more years that today's students will spend in school. Teachers play a vital role in equipping students with the skills they need to understand a rapidly changing world and take advantage of the opportunities it offers.

**DID YOU KNOW...** One in four of the 90 000 teachers and school principals across 23 countries surveyed recently report that at least 30% of learning time is lost through disruptive student behaviour or bureaucratic procedures.