

# Practical Development Theory for Teachers

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## Social and Emotional Learning

[Kids Matter is an Australian website that is worth reading for great ideas](#). It also links to the CASEL SEL thinking.

[The CASEL website is also a great source of information for teachers](#) to develop their understanding of this aspect of wellbeing.

## Roots of Action

In June 2018 we highlighted this website and the work of developmental psychologist Dr Marilyn Price-Mitchell. This thinking is very topical right now as our Government seeks to review New Zealand's education system.

Download Dr Price-Mitchell's free e-book called Reframing Success: Helping Children and Teens Grow from the Inside Out *"if you question today's notions of success and wonder how adults really affect the growth and well-being of today's digital generation"*.

Dr Price-Mitchell makes an argument that measuring success by grades and test scores alone is not enough. In fact this practice is hurting our children:

*"How do we instil the types of skills and abilities that cannot be measured by numbers, including effort, critical thinking, collaboration, respect, caring, honesty, open-mindedness, initiative, and imagination? We do so by reframing success and misguided notions of achievement."*

## Ministry of Education consultations

Keep a watch on this website as you may like to make comments and observations about the future of education in New Zealand.

*A flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms. – Zen Shin*