

## **Are we the new normal?**

We are preparing students for the future. As educators, it is our job but in a world of tradition, turmoil and transience, where do we go from here? Over the past three years our school communities have gone through unprecedented challenges from COVID to conflict, it is time to accept that regular challenges beyond the curriculum are the new normal.

We as educators bring healthy habits, normality and act as role models, it is vital important to our school community but why would anyone want to follow your lead? How we bring real lessons to life every day and make them relevant to our students' futures, is the way forward in education.



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