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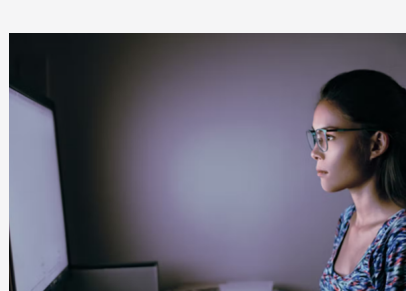


## Managing student well-being in a post-COVID climate

While many schools have shifted back to in-person schooling after the peak of the pandemic, many educators still approach the school year with cautious optimism. To ease anxieties, [deeper infrastructural changes can be made in schools to prioritise job quality, community healing, individual wellness, and foster a school culture of inclusiveness and belonging](#). To safeguard students' mental health in schools, [acknowledging that our education systems directly contribute to the mental health crisis is key](#); bold steps schools can take to prioritise students' mental wellbeing include limiting homework, eliminating class rankings, and limiting the number of extra classes students can take.

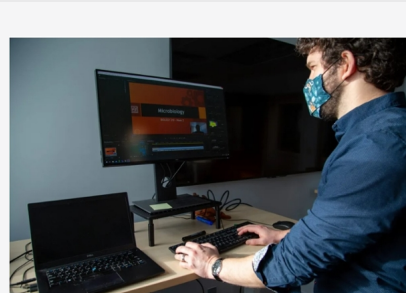
Increasing the awareness and availability of mental health resources in schools is also crucial to supporting students. [The number of primary school students in Singapore who required counselling support have risen and plateaued to 16 out of 1,000 over the last five years, as more students opened up to seeking help](#).

## In the Spotlight



### [My school learned the hard way that EdTech saves time, but it can't solve human problems | EdSurge](#)

EdTech can push educators to sacrifice connection for convenience, as part of the environment that educators are forced to adapt to.



### [Let's use the pandemic as a dress-rehearsal for much-needed digital transformation | The Hechinger Report](#)

Schools must get ready for the next disruption and make high-quality learning available to all.

### [Deepening education impact: Emerging lessons from 14 teams scaling innovations in low- and middle-income countries | Brookings](#)

Addressing contemporary educational challenges requires coordinated action among stakeholders, ongoing evidence of impact, and an emphasis on expanding and deepening the impact of any single intervention so it reaches more learners and works to change whole systems. In a word, it requires "scaling."



### [What you need to know about Hong Kong's new school subject focused on national security, sense of belonging. | South China Morning Post](#)

The government wants Citizenship, Economics and Society introduced to all Form One students from 2024. New subject aims to strengthen students' understanding of China and role as responsible citizens.

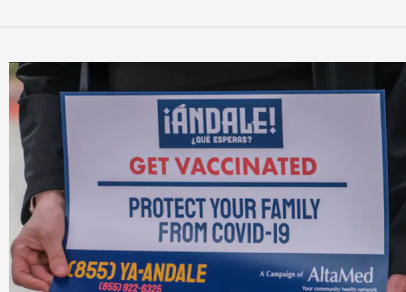


### [Does tutoring work? An education economist examines the evidence on whether it's effective | The Conversation](#)

An education economist at Brown University shines a light on the best ways to use tutoring to help students get back on track.

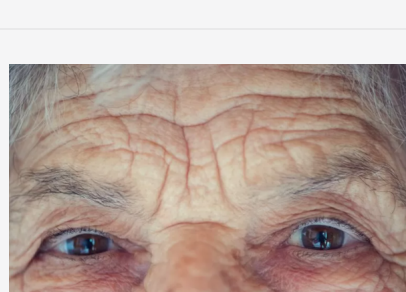
### [Why education must lead in addressing climate change | The Hechinger Report](#)

The onus shouldn't fall on students to find the time to save the world in their spare hours between extracurriculars and homework. We all inhabit this world.



### [XBB, BQ.1.1, BA.2.75.2 — a variant swarm could fuel a winter surge | The Washington Post](#)

Instead of a single new Greek letter variant, a group of immune-evading omicron spinoffs are popping up all over the world.

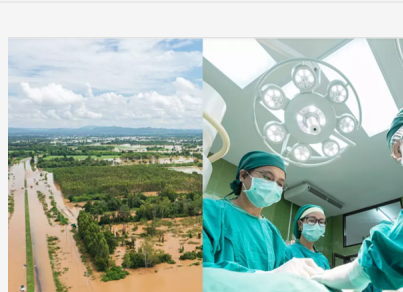


### [Study offers clues to super-agers' brilliant brains | BBC](#)

These elite 'super-agers' have larger nerve cells in regions of the brain responsible for memory, new research shows.

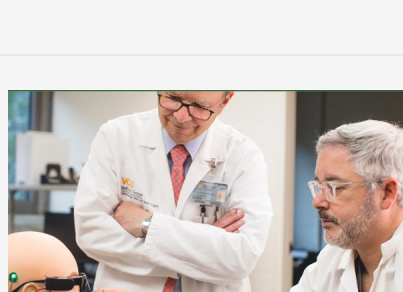
### [Most diseases worsened by climate change, new research reveals. Here's what we can do about it | Euronews](#)

As the planet heats up, the majority of diseases - from mild viruses to deadly plagues - will become more common.



### [With this bionic nose, COVID survivors may smell the roses again | IEEE Spectrum](#)

For people who have lost their sense of smell, a neuroprosthetic could replace biology with technology.



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