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School bags can be stood on, dropped, thrown, ridden on a bike, flung out a window, set on fire. The possibilities are endless – writes Chris Johnston. |
| 14 Education Section (ES) | **How Year 7s are integrated**  
Each year, secondary schools receive a new cohort of Year 7s and the schools must integrate students from widely varying academic, social and language backgrounds – writes Kathy Evans. |
| 15 (ES) | **Learning network creates write stuff**  
A schools’ learning network overseen by the University of Melbourne’s education researchers is producing improved results for students – writes Fiona Villella. |
| 15 (ES) | **Country schools disappear but good memories linger**  
Each year another few small country schools close. Few mourn their loss - except those who have attended them – writes Kate Nancarrow. |
| 15 (ES) Third Degree | **Clearly-in ATAR is a meaningless number for most courses**  
VCE students spend months worrying about their ATAR, yet many courses allow entry to about one third or one half of students with scores below the advertised cut off. |
| Letters | 17 | **Elitist approach** |
| Business Day | 26 | **School’s back and so are the lucrative tutoring business**  
Providers of additional tuition to children are finding that tutoring is becoming increasingly popular – writes Sylvia Pennington. |
| The Australian | 2 | **GST bid to avoid funding cuts**  
The Australian Government should use the revenue generated by increasing the GST to 15 per cent to reverse billions of dollars in cuts to health and education, New South Wales Premier Mike Baird says. |
| | 3 | **States accused of ‘bleating’ on school funds**  
State education ministers argued over school spending cuts yesterday, as the Turnbull Government proposed to siphon funds from New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania and the Northern Territory. |
| | 14 | **Bullying: A mother’s story**  
A 7-year-old is excluded and tormented at school, until an opportunity for change arises. |
| | 14 | **Education departments attempt to draw the line**  
Bullying goes beyond playground punch-ups and pulling pigtails – writes Natasha Bita. |
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Empire strikes: teaching another dimension
When students at 28 South Australian primary schools start term this week, the three Rs will support a new addition to the curriculum: 3D.

$100b GST hike to pay for tax cuts
(See The Australian pg. 2).

Stereotypes put girls off maths
The Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research working paper, using a cohort of French pupils, suggested that encouraging more girls to study maths and science at school won't be enough to close gender wage gaps and shatter the glass ceiling – writes Ben Potter.

Uni takes firm stand on maths
The University of Sydney will lead the attack on declining standards and falling enrolments in maths by requiring students in a range of courses, including science, engineering, commerce and IT, to have passed maths, at minimum of intermediate level, in Year 12.

The ATAR system is really not that bad
(See The Age pg. 15).

Different school sectors defy pigeonholing, says report
Australia's three school sectors – government, independent and Catholic – have far more in common than generally believed, with diversity within the sectors often exceeding the differences between them – writes Tim Dodd.

ATAR cut-off scandal put into perspective
The annual moral panic over academic standards is upon us again, this year focusing on the discrepancy between published cut-offs and the actual ATARs of the students that universities accept – writes John Simons.

PwC to boost maths, science ideas
Consulting firm PwC has chosen 20 technology entrepreneurs to benefit from a new $2.5 million accelerator program designed to discover and support Australia's best new STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) education initiatives.

School stereotypes smashed
Parents need to remove their blinkers when it comes to choosing their children’s schools, say the authors of a new report.

Start a success story
Parents are being encouraged to establish a reading routine early in their child’s life.

One hour in a school week to save lives
Triple Olympic medallist Andrew Lauterstein has renewed calls for swimming classes to be compulsory in Victorian schools.

Less means more?

Text talk
Two letters.

Solving lunch box battles
The new school year has begun and the prospect of packing around 200 school lunches (and that’s for just one child!) for 2016 is daunting.
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