



STUARTHOLME SCHOOL

The Lab For Parents

The Lab for Parents will focus on Stuartholme's collaboration with the Cultures of Thinking and the work of Dr Ron Ritchhart, recently of the Cultures of Thinking project and a Senior Research Associate at Harvard's Project Zero.

Ron is also the author of several books, including *Creating Cultures of Thinking: The 8 Forces we must master to truly transform our schools*, *Making Thinking Visible* and the recently published *The Power of Making Thinking Visible*.

Ron's work centers around teaching our students to think and the importance of creating a culture of thinking in the classroom where students are encouraged to be inquisitive, to look at things from different perspectives, to innovate, to collaborate, to find solutions to problems, to be curious and to follow up on their curiosity.

Stuartholme's coaching relationship with Ron is in its fourth year and we are greatly appreciative of the meaningful professional learning that he has delivered for our community. Our teachers have spent time each term with Ron and overwhelmingly the feedback has been that this has been the best PD they have ever done.

We are continuing to see the benefits of the Cultures of Thinking – the learning is more rigorous, our girls are engaging in questioning that propels their learning forward and there is a much deeper richness to what is happening in the classroom. They are telling us how much they are enjoying their learning, they are valuing their thinking and their thinking is visible in the classrooms.

As we continue together the educational journey, we know that further developing these dispositions in our girls is so important. At Stuartholme, we are also very excited as Ron's work in developing classrooms of deep thinkers aligns closely with the values of Mother Janet Erskine Stuart, who, over 100 years ago said *"Education is distinct from instruction, and that our object in Education is not storage but development."*



THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 6.00-7.00PM

Join us for this special virtual event featuring a presentation from Dr Ron Ritchhart and a panel discussion featuring Stuartholme educators.

Please register at www.stuartholme.com/events

