Teaching in New Times

Gender and Sexuality
Activity 1: Explain why each of these is a myth using examples from Tait’s textbook and your own experience

• **Myth #1** Sex and gender are really the same thing
• **Myth #2** Schools are passive spectators to existing gender differences and inequalities
• **Myth #3** Boys are the latest victims of the schooling system
• **Myth #4** Sexuality is simply best ignored at school
Activity 2: Video analysis -- Gendering & the family

• View the following video and identify the different knowledges, practices and objects that shape gender identity/stereotypes

  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8TN6FyfsiM
Activity 3: School website analysis & uniforms

• Visit a school website of your choice (e.g. Brisbane Girls Grammer, Sandgate State High School) in your group

• Examine the images of students in uniform and discuss the extent to which this contributes to a gender regime (see textbook for definition)

• Do you notice any ways in which the images show ways the gender regime are being disrupted
Activity 4: Single-sex schooling
Outline the arguments for and against in your group
Activity 5: Key terms from textbook

Discuss what these terms mean and come up with concrete examples for each of the following:

- Sex and gender
- Gender regime
- Biological determinism
- Equity
Activity 6: Sexuality

Define and discuss the following concepts using concrete examples (see textbook)

• Sexuality as a historical and cultural category

• Schools as heteronormative environments
Activity 7: Curriculum and Policy

• Curriculum – are there Queer concepts in the curriculum? Check out the HPE national curriculum. The Australian Curriculum: English states ‘Through engagement with literature, students learn about themselves, each other and the world.’ Although not overtly stated, can we assume this means diverse gender and sexual identities also?

• Policy context – depending on which state or territory you work in, or country, will depend on policy relating to inclusion of diverse genders and sexualities. Do a search of Education Queensland and see if you can find their policy relating to this matter.