21st century essentials - what should we be teaching our students?

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Abstract: More than 200 years ago when the first white settlers came to Australia, their knowledge of the wider world was limited to what they experienced in their daily lives, what they learned from books or newspapers, or what others told them...
through word of mouth. What’s more, information tended to be accessed and available only on a needs basis. For example, a farmer may have had expert knowledge about stock management and fence building, but would not generally have known about, had an interest in or access to details about millinery trends in Belgium (Google it - you will be amazed what comes up!) or the benefits of a fibre-rich diet.


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