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I remember the first time I saw some boys riding bmx bikes. The next day I spent all my savings on a bmx and it was the first time I was so committed to learning something new. Mastering this new hobby taught me valuable lessons.

Learning needs to come from within. Nobody pushed me to learn how to ride a bmx and I was the sole responsibility for my progress. Setting my own objectives - doing a new trick every week - helped me develop the discipline of working hard to be proud of my achievements. The best part was that in the same day I could put into practice all the theory I learned earlier. It made my learning feel relevant and purposeful.

Learning needs to be fun. Countless bruises after, I never stopped smiling when I was on my bmx. That's how I discovered that as long as I can make studying fun, I get absorbed by it, I become creative and I see solutions that were never there 1 second ago.

Learning needs to have a social element. The best bmx tricks I learned were from my friends. Sharing and exploring together new ideas with people that had the same thirst of knowledge made my training invaluable.

These being said, my ideal school is the place where I am encouraged to learn about my passions, understanding the practical relevance of them and sharing an insane curiosity to explore more together with my colleagues. All through having fun.