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Teaching – where the future begins

“Enjoy the highs and lows of the journey”

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What subjects/ages do you teach?

Health and Physical Education Prep to Year 2, I also support the Touch Excellence program. I have been teaching at Chancellor State College for nine years.

What do you like about teaching at CSC?

In my role as a Health and Physical Education teacher I have the opportunity to work with a lot more staff than when I was a classroom teacher. But it's the relationships I've developed with our amazing staff that makes coming to work so enjoyable.

What inspired you to become a teacher, and how has your journey in education evolved over the years?

A few years after finishing school, I saw an advertisement for a summer camp in United States of America and thought it would be an adventure. I managed to get a job in a camp in Malibu, California which was an amazing experience. This is where I realised, I enjoyed working with children so I successfully applied to university while I was backpacking through Europe. This ended my travelling lifestyle, but it's still one of the best decisions I've ever made.

This job continues to change and evolve and I believe we do as well. I often reflect back on my journey and feel so thankful to be a part of this rewarding career. I'm very fortunate to still be making differences in students' lives and be a part of this wonderful college.

Do you have any memorable teaching moments or experience that had a significant impact on your teaching career?

When I was teaching primary out west, I focussed on writing and making writing fun and enjoyable. One of my students gave me a framed piece of writing as my present at the end of the year. Chocolates and sweets come and go but I still have that framed piece of writing on my desk today. We really do make a difference.

How do you stay motivated and maintain your passion for teaching?

Teaching lower primary was a huge move for me, but one I feel very pleased I made. Our younger students are full of energy and a delight to teach each and every day. They say, change is as good as a holiday, not sure I believe that but every so often I think it's a great idea to get out of your comfort zone and try something new.

Do you have any advice, quotes or words of wisdom to share with prospective teachers about becoming a teacher or for students about school life?

In my first year of teaching when I was struggling and not sure how to cope I was told, 'Do the best you can, and when you know better, you do better'. Teaching as a career continues to evolve and change, enjoy the highs and lows of the journey.