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Teaching – where the future begins

“Enjoy the challenges, opportunity for growth and lifelong learning” Brendan Mallyon

What subjects/ages do you teach?

HWB, HPE, Certificate III in Fitness. I have been teaching at Chancellor State College for nine years.

What do you like about teaching at CSC?

Connections made with students and staff, watching students develop and excel.

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

My own secondary teachers, in particular my year 12 teachers inspired me to follow this pathway. It also aligned with my athletic pursuits at the time, making Australian Track and Field teams and competing internationally.

I believe students still need to make valuable connections, however the amount of information and exposure to new knowledge has grown exponentially. Trying to keep-up with technology and utilising it in classrooms can be challenging.

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

When students reconnect once they have finished school and make the effort to reach out and let you know the impact you have had is always a powerful moment.

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

Don't stop. Enjoy the challenges, opportunity for growth and lifelong learning. It's always a successful day when I have learnt a new skill. I have a genuine passion for learning, not just students but also for myself.

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?

For teachers – creating quality connections, respectful relationships with students is a big part of the battle.

For students – cherish the opportunity to learn new knowledge and skills. Students here have been given so many advantages already that they need to take every opportunity with both hands.

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act but a habit.”Aristotle