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Teaching – where the **future begins**

“We all work better in a team.” Holly Wykamp.

What subjects/ages do you teach?

This year I have taught: Year 12 Psychology, Year 12 Marine Science, Year 11 Marine Science, Year 11 Aquatic Practices, Year 11 Biology
But generally, I teach year 10-12 Marine Science, Biology, Aquatic Practices and now Psychology. I have been teaching here since 2017.

What do you like about teaching at CSC?

Working with a great team of like-minded teachers who share resources – work smarter not harder. We also offer a great range of subjects and opportunities for students that allow them to get hands-on experience.

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

I loved Marine Science in school, but knew a career in the industry would be difficult and would mean a lot of moving around. My own Marine teacher suggested studying education at the same time and now here we are today. I haven't looked back.

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

The school was needing a teacher, so I started teaching my own classes during my last university placement with a substitute teacher in the room. This definitely helped me gain some independence and confidence in my teaching and confirmed that I had made the right career choice.

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

Luckily, I have the opportunity to teach some pretty cool subjects with all the fun outdoor excursions that allow me to share my passion for the marine environment with my students. Seriously though, how lucky are our students to be given the opportunities to travel to Lady Elliot Island, go on houseboats and travel overseas – amazing! I also love inspiring students to commit to or be a part of something bigger than themselves, which is also one of the reasons I shaved my head this year for the Leukaemia Foundation.

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?

Work smarter, not harder and share resources!

Whether it's teaching materials or study notes, we all work better in a team..