



# World Teachers' Day QLD

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Teaching – where the future begins

“Be prepared to get out of your comfort zone”. Peggy Unie

## What subjects/ages do you teach?

I teach year 10 and 12 general mathematics and have been at CSC for approximately 12 years with a year break in 2019 to work for QCAA.

## What do you like about teaching at CSC?

The students generally are pleasant young people, and not to mention the team of staff I work with who are committed professionals and are supportive of their students and always try to get the best out of their students. The facilities are well kept and this includes the gardens.

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

One of my teachers at school back in the 70's and 80 s who was a good listener and guided me with my maths and HPE.

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

Memorable moments occur regularly – when students appear grateful for the preparation and resources given in their lessons and actually thank you for the

lesson. When there is a “light bulb” moment and students gain confidence in maths and subsequently results in an improvement in academic outcomes.

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

I am aware I work in a great area here on the Sunshine Coast. I also think setting small achievable goals regularly helps to keep motivated such as keeping involved in new curriculum changes.

To continue to making improvements in the academic integrity of education here at CSC also keeps me motivated. In addition to this acknowledge the successes along the way – e.g. improvements in outcomes not only quantifiable outcomes but also affective outcomes. The students also keep me motivated with learning about them and watching them work towards and achieve their own goals

## 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?

Be prepared to get out of your comfort zone and consider regional service where there are opportunities and challenges that you would not get in the South East corner of Queensland. To always find something new to keep you going to avoid getting stagnate.

Over the last 30 years of working in education I have seen many changes to high school maths. I have found the curriculum changes seem to improve - such as through the use of digital technology been more common and more inclusion.

I have enjoyed meeting numerous students and also staff who I consider some have become lifelong friends.