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Teaching – where the future begins

“Enjoy every moment and engage in all opportunities”. Sandi Wallace

What subjects/ages do you teach?

I am really lucky that I get to work with students across all year levels. At the Primary campus I am involved with Robotics Club, year level STEM lessons, Robotics Excellence and STEM Aspire. In secondary I teach Engineering and Robotics and work with students in the Robotics program. I started at Chancellor State College (CSC) at the beginning of 2022.

What do you like about teaching at CSC?

Having such a diverse role, working across both campuses I get to engage with so many different staff and students. I love seeing students reach for their goals and achieving them. I enjoy change and challenge. Every day is different. We have amazing facilities and great leaders in our school.

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

I had some great role models when I went to school, and they had a lasting impact on my respect for the teaching profession. Although my career took a different turn, I ended up back in the classroom about 12 years ago. Firstly, as a classroom teacher, and then went on to teach a Gifted and Talented program and STEM.

Robotics, Digital Technology and STEM are all subjects that are continually changing as new innovative and better technology is released. I am always upskilling and researching to ensure I can offer the best for my students.

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

There have been some really big moments, like travelling to USA for the World Robotics Championships, but for me the most significant are the small things. Thanks from a student, a note or email from a parent, a hand drawn picture from a Prep student – these are the things that have such a positive impact on my day to day teaching.

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

That's easy – the look on a student's face when they have worked though and solved a problem. Seeing them build resilience and then celebrating the success.

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 students – enjoy every moment and engage in all opportunities. Memories and friendships made at school are lifelong.

For prospective teachers – Engage with your students, get to know what their goals are and help them to achieve these. Their successes will also be yours.

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”

Benjamin Franklin