

It's World Teachers' Day

A Bright Future

Friday 30 October 2020

To each and every teacher in our eighteen hundred schools

take the time to pause a moment and reflect on the reasons you teach.

YOU CAN BE INCREDIBLY PROUD!!!

We can celebrate being part of the profession that makes all other professions possible.

The theme '*A bright future*' is very fitting. Along with your Principal, I would like to acknowledge the significant role you play in the lives of every student who comes through your gates. In turn, your role has a ripple effect in the homes of our families and it extends into the wider community.

YOU educate, influence, coach and mentor - your practice matters. Your skills and expertise influence and shape the students' knowledge of today who, in turn become the adults of the future.

YOUR moral purpose shapes our society - as highly skilled professionals, you lead with integrity, passion and heart.

YOUR positivity shapes how students see learning. The work you do in your schools on a daily basis is astounding. Walking into classrooms like yours is not only exciting for the students but also for your colleagues and school leaders. Watching you engage with students, building relationships, supporting, including, accommodating, and adjusting to cater for all in an inclusive environment is a joy. You challenge their beliefs to build on their knowledge and set high expectations for them to ensure they reach their potential. You provide explicit feedback to encourage, redirect and grow them as learners and global citizens. You create and explore possibilities and encourage critical reflection and student voice. You communicate expectations and goals and celebrate their efforts, understanding, progress and achievements.

We recognise and acknowledge your expertise, interpersonal skills, adaptability, resilience and learning mindset. You foster creativity and joy in learning. You have leveraged this throughout 2020 as we faced continuing drought, bushfires and a pandemic - COVID 19. You should be so proud.

Central to this celebration is the cooperation, communication and collaboration you demonstrate with your colleagues, the leadership team and your Principal during 2020. At every turn when we faced another challenge you pivoted it and made it a positive. Be it online learning, preparation of home packs, check in with students, talking parents through concerns and even engaging with students individually to check in on their safety and wellbeing. Not to mention, ensuring students received personalised learning and livestreaming opportunities. Many of these skills were quickly acquired and adopted by you - working collaboratively with your colleagues ensured the seamless transition from face to face learning to online learning. Assemblies and

acknowledgements went ahead and students were still prioritised. YOU made this all happen! We acknowledge this required investment, grit and resilience and you faced it and achieved excellence.

A huge thankyou and acknowledgement too for how you've faced and continue to embrace your students and communities with continued restrictions.

It is also timely to recognise the '*above and beyond*' measures you took when YOU TOO were concerned for your own health and wellbeing, that of your children, your parents, your extended family and your friends. With no two days the same, you demonstrated the utmost professionalism and heart to work on site and from home. Your effort and commitment exceeded all expectations.

Your professionalism and actions during this period have cemented a lasting legacy and changes we will adopt as a system in future. All Principals applaud and thank you.

Take the time to celebrate **WORLD TEACHERS' DAY** with your colleagues - this year has been like no other - stand proud and know you matter.

Happy World Teachers' Day !

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NSWPPA President

(on behalf of the NSWPPA Executive and the Principal of your school 😊)