



Teaching through every moment

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Teaching leads to spectacular places

As a former carpenter, Ian Perry thought he would teach metal or wood work when he became a teacher but his abilities were extended beyond what he could have imagined.

Ian has been a teacher since 2005, and now teaches Industrial Technology and Design at Cunnamulla P-12 State School in remote South West Queensland.

"Teaching has allowed me to learn new things that I would never have thought possible and taken me to spectacular places meeting some truly brilliant and passionate people," Ian said.

"Coming into teaching, I thought that I would teach woodwork and metalwork, how wrong I was.

"Since beginning my career, I have taught 3D printing, drones, coding, digital photography, green screens, epoxy resin and augmented reality."

Ian said he became a teacher to have an impact on young people's lives and steer them in the right direction.

"Teaching, especially in rural and remote areas, allows you to be a part of the community," he said.

"You never know how someone will take a small conversation and run with what was said.

"If you have impacted only one person, then it is a job well done."

Ian said he loves seeing students progress and find something they are passionate about.

"As I teach mainly in the workshop, it provides opportunities for students to try something out that they never would have been able to try from home," he said.

"Listening to them talk about their journey from doing their initial taster courses to securing their apprenticeship, you know you've made an impact on their life.

"Teaching allows you to travel across the state basing yourself in a new part of the world for you to explore," Mr Perry said.

"I have found that teaching in different rural and remote parts of Queensland is so rewarding both for me and my family – it's provided many different opportunities that would not be available in a city."

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