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Teaching – where the future begins

## Building connections in the classroom

With 14 years' teaching experience and a passion for design, Nisha Swanston brings her expertise and enthusiasm to teaching design and technology subjects at Brisbane Girls Grammar School.

"I was working for a mailing company designing layouts for them in 2007 and that's where I became inspired to become a teacher," Nisha said.

"I decided that I wanted to have a day full of constant inspiration and I was feeling like the trajectory I was on was a bit soulless.

"I then went to study teaching and completed my degree in 2009."

Nisha enjoys the variety teaching offers and the joy of working with diverse students.

"The idea of having each day be so different from the next suits my busy personality," she said.

"I like having new challenges, even if you teach the same lesson in the same day, each class responds differently and even as a teacher, you learn something new each time.

"I also love watching my teaching turn into independent learning for students. You know you've done a good job when they can take a concept and develop it independently."

For Nisha, the rewarding aspect of teaching lies in building strong relationships with students and inspiring them to pursue future careers.

"Ensuring that I have strong relationships with young people and inspiring them to go on to future careers because of something you've said or done, makes teaching so worthwhile," she said.

"I love those lightbulb moments where you can see a student grasps a concept and is proud of their achievements.

"I always remember when a student tells me they treasure a product they have made with me in class."

Nisha is excited about integrating new technology into teaching and preparing students for careers that do not yet exist.

"I'm excited about how we can use advancements in technologies within teaching. I love the idea of teaching students how to create things for the future that currently don't exist."

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