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Teaching – where the future begins

Empowering students through sport and education

For Asako Ono, teaching is not just a profession; it's a chance to shape young minds, inspire greatness, and foster a deep sense of self-belief.

As a teacher at Marsden State High School, Asako's passion for her craft shines through her dedication to her students' holistic development.

Asako's path to teaching was unique. Originally pursuing a career as a rehab strength and conditioning coach, circumstances led her to teaching. She was inspired by her father who was a primary school teacher in Tokyo.

Equipped with her background in exercise physiology, Asako joined Marsden State High School in 2020 as a Health and Physical Education teacher where she currently manages Athletic Development with their Girls Rugby League Program.

What Asako loves most about teaching is the opportunity to make a difference in her students' lives, emphasising the importance of character development alongside athletic prowess.

"I genuinely believe that they've got to be a good human before they are even considered to be a good athlete," she said.

"They must have a team player mentality to be successful.

"I try to teach my students that being kind, genuine and having a good work ethic doesn't require talent. Anyone who puts their mind to it will be able to achieve something great."

One of the most rewarding aspects of Asako's job is witnessing her students surpass their own expectations.

Whether it's achieving academic milestones, excelling in representative sports, or overcoming personal challenges, these moments of growth and self-discovery fuel her passion.

"I love seeing them in their element, being happy in their environment where they are surrounded by people who care and they are able to work hard for each other," she said.

For aspiring teachers, Asako emphasises the importance of building genuine connections with students.

"Beyond the curriculum, taking time to understand each student's strengths, challenges and aspirations enables you to provide personalised guidance and support," she said.

"If you don't know what kind of student they are, you can't give them advice on what pathway they should go with. If a student is not doing great in the class – ask the question to find out why they are the way they are."

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