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Teaching – where the future begins

School musical brings the outback together

Rachelle Moore, Deputy Principal at the Longreach School of Distance Education, has dedicated her life to teaching and making a positive impact on the lives of her students. With a career spanning more than two decades, Rachelle's journey as an educator is marked by passion, creativity and bringing her community together.

Having dreamt of becoming a teacher from a young age, Rachelle's decision to pursue this career was influenced by her father, a secondary Manual Arts teacher. In 1995, she embraced a new opportunity at Longreach School of Distance Education. Since then, she has become an integral part of the fabric of both the school and community.

When asked about her love for teaching, Rachelle said it was incredibly rewarding to watch her students succeed, and as a result grow in confidence and maturity.

"My passion is seeing students achieve things they never thought were possible, making a positive, inspiring impact on their lives, and challenging them to think about things differently," she shared warmly.

"It motivates them to do amazing things."

Throughout her career, Rachelle has endeavoured to create opportunities for students that they will remember forever. One example of this is the bi-annual whole-school musical for her distance education students. She produces the choreography and designs the costumes.

"My passions are dance and the performing arts," she said.

"The musicals have gone from strength-to-strength with an increase in the number of auditions for cast roles, the number of performers and the publicity received."

The event has gained significant recognition, including a feature in the Australian Women's Weekly and a documentary on ABC Landline. These achievements have left an indelible mark on both Rachelle and her students, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Looking ahead, Rachelle is excited about the future of distance education. She recognises the rapid expansion and evolution of distance learning.

"Its flexibility, accessibility and program diversity have all made significant improvements, allowing students' educational paths to be more finely tuned to their individual needs," she said.

"The complexity of today's technology is only going to continue to advance beyond our wildest dreams."

Embracing the technological advancements that lie ahead, Rachelle believes that distance education learners will continue to be at the forefront of mastering new technologies, essential for navigating the digitised society of tomorrow.

For aspiring teachers, Rachelle encourages new graduates to step out of their comfort zones and explore the opportunities that rural and remote communities have to offer.

"From my experience a small community is a lot of fun socially as well as professionally when you are early in your career. It's easy to meet people and become involved in the community. It can be very rewarding."

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