



Teaching through every moment

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## Making a big impact in a small town

David King comes from a family of educators but his decision to enter the profession was inspired by his primary school teachers.

David has been a teacher since 1995 and is now the principal at Biboohra State School in the shire of Mareeba in Far North Queensland.

"I chose teaching because both my parents were teachers and I was inspired by my primary school teachers who connected me with my community and the world," David said.

"They broadened and challenged my thinking to see beyond the classroom's four walls and my immediate experiences in a small rural town.

"The most rewarding part of teaching is the impact you make on the students' lives, being part of their childhood and helping them be the best versions of themselves they can be.

"I strive to know my students very well including their families and work hard to make connections between my teaching and their experiences."

There are many memorable moments, both funny and inspiring, that have shaped David's career.

"I remember when an ex-student's first car buy was based on the car I had when I taught them," he said.

"There was also the time when we turned a student from being disengaged, running with the wrong crowd, chronically absent and involved in drugs to being re-engaged, success focused and always at school."

Mr King encourages anyone who wants to make an impact on young people and the community to consider teaching.

"We are conscientious and work hard, it's demanding but also very rewarding," he said.

"If you want make a difference in the life of students and communities, then teaching is for you."

**David King**  
Principal, Biboohra State School