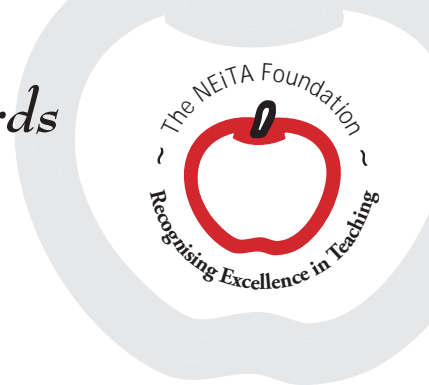


2007 National Excellence In Teaching Awards

State and Territory Teaching Excellence Award Recipient



Daniel Broadfoot

Bachelor of Education
Bluewater State School, Townsville, Queensland
Nominated by: School parent

Position: Primary Teacher • Level taught: General Primary • School type: Government • Town: Townsville • Category: Primary • State: QLD

Dramatised education promotes student learning

Daniel Broadfoot loves the dramatic approach. In his multi-age class at Bluewater State School, he climbs on desks, portrays characters and uses a multitude of techniques to engage his students. He uses a Multi-Literacy Learning Centre that promotes higher order thinking and encourages children to be self-regulated. He employs task sheets and contracts for assignments and promotes collaborative peer learning. He also incorporates elements of drama and dance into his classroom to cater for his students' diverse learning styles.

Daniel is primarily a motivator for his students. In 2005, he helped conceive and organise the *North Queensland Cowboys NRL* team to participate in a *Health Education* unit for the school, inspiring and exciting his students in an event that was broadcast on Queensland television news.

Daniel is now teaching at Annandale State School.

Insight

Q: *In your opinion, what makes a good teacher?*

A: A love and respect for children; dedication to meet their needs; be creative and innovative in planning; be enthusiastic and dynamic in approach; be reflective.

Q: *How do you maintain your enthusiasm for teaching?*

A: Seeing positive changes in students' attitudes and behaviours towards school; seeing students' learning improve; knowing I am a role model, particularly for boys.

Q: *In hindsight, what do you wish your training provided you with more of?*

A: Managing the often hectic workload; more practical experience; follow-up and feedback about practicum experiences; how to cater for the diverse range of learning styles.

Q: *What is the most difficult aspect of teaching today?*

A: The workload required to be an effective and professional teacher is difficult as you are accountable to a wide range of groups.

Q: *What is your greatest challenge as a teacher?*

A: Trying to come up with creative and innovative ways to teach content to make it exciting, motivating and relate to the students so they will love to learn.

Q: *How has teaching changed over the years?*

A: The accountability and expectations placed on the teacher to cover so many curriculum areas, while teaching positive virtues and values required in life.

Q: *What is the single most important thing you, as a teacher, can do to connect with individual students?*

A: Respect is the most important thing to connect with students. If you respect them they respect you, which fosters a reciprocal relationship of trust and appreciation.

Q: *If you were the Minister for Education, Science and Training for a week, what would you try to change?*

A: Campaign to recruit more male primary school teachers. Funding so that all schools would have adequate resources to educate students in the best possible way.

Q: *What keeps you awake at night?*

A: The educational and emotional troubles that students come to you with; how to make learning particular concepts exciting and engaging; reflecting on how to improve further.

Q: *If your students could describe you in three words, what would they say?*

A: Exciting, innovative and respectful.

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