



Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association

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Australian Catholic Primary Principals thank all our Teachers

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On this World Teachers Day, the Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association would like to acknowledge and celebrate the many ways teachers change lives in their everyday interactions with young children and teenagers.

In an increasingly fast-moving society, we sometimes forget to acknowledge our teachers for their tireless hours of work with students which involves teaching a complex curriculum, supporting mental and physical health and doing all of this and more in a world that is becoming very data-driven. This adds to the complexities of teaching students.

Today, teachers interact with students, guide them in making life long connections and sometimes they are often the only witness to the amazing achievements of these young people. Only 10 years ago, when the world of teaching was less data driven, children were supported in everything they did. Now teachers support learning, not always through use of traditional text books but using their capabilities within a curriculum that allows for 21st Century learners to collaborate, problem solve and use critical thinking and creativity.

Our schools and the work teachers do today is very different now. It is impossible to compare teaching today from how it was yesterday. The environment changes so quickly and teachers do an incredible job of keeping up with student's likes and dislikes, changing family circumstances and challenging learning difficulties and behaviours they often face.

We applaud all teachers today, including those in our regional, rural and remote communities, who do the most incredible work to access more complex resources and teaching materials for their students. Extra-curricular arts and sport opportunities for students often require long travel and extra organisation and our rural teachers take that all in their stride.

A very large number of the teachers and educational staff in these areas take on other roles within community associations outside of their day to day work in our schools. Often this extra-curricular activity also involves the students they teach during the school year.

Today as we recognise World Teachers Day, please take the opportunity to show appreciation to your children's teachers for the exceptional work they do each and every day.

The Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association (ACPPA) represents over 1200 Catholic Primary School Principals across Australia.

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