



## Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association

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### *Media Release*

#### **ACPPA acknowledges Teachers for their dedication and commitment to our students**

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On behalf of the Australian Catholic Primary Principals Association we would like to wish all Catholic teachers, and indeed every teacher in a school, a very happy and well-deserved World Teachers' Day.

President Brad Gaynor said, "Catholic teachers are an amazing group of people, as not only do you teach the curriculum, but you are a witness and role model to our students. Through the experiences you offer, our students are gaining a greater understanding of the Catholic faith."

In the complex world of today, teachers interact with students, guide them in making lifelong connections and sometimes they are often the only witness to the amazing achievements of these young people. Teachers support learning, not always through use of traditional textbooks but using their capabilities within a curriculum that allows for 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners to collaborate, problem solve and use critical thinking and creativity.

Our schools and the work teachers do today is both challenging and rewarding. It is impossible to compare teaching today from how it was yesterday. The environment changes so quickly and teachers do an incredible job nurturing and meeting the individual learning needs of students, supporting family circumstances and navigating the challenging learning dynamics they often face.

The events of 2020 have given us a profound insight into the valuable role teachers play in a child's education.

Brad said that as part of his role, he visits many Catholic schools around the country. "I have the privilege to talk to teachers, parents and principals, and I see the great work that you are doing," he said.

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 constantly changing.

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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