
Associate Professor Elizabeth Murray - Workshop

NURTURING TOMORROW'S EDUCATORS: INNOVATIVE PATHWAYS AND PRACTICES SHAPING THE FUTURE OF TEACHER PREPARATION

In today's rapidly evolving educational landscape, it is imperative that we rethink traditional models of teacher education to meet the diverse needs of our students and communities. This presentation delves into innovative methods of teacher preparation that reflect the evolving demands of schools and the increasing necessity for a larger pool of educators. Focused on empowering individuals from diverse backgrounds and locations to thrive in real-world settings, this presentation will explore pioneering pathways to teacher education offered at Charles Sturt University.

Discussion will focus on practical ways to empower newcomers to the profession, ensuring they are well-equipped to navigate the complexities of today's classrooms. A critical aspect of these programs is the emphasis on pre-service teacher retention, a key factor in sustaining a high-quality education system over time. In the past two years, these pathways have achieved remarkable success, attracting over 700 students who have consistently maintained high retention rates.

These flexible programs prioritise a whole university approach to supporting tertiary students at every stage of their teacher education journey. By fostering collaboration, mentorship, and ongoing professional development, we are cultivating a new generation of educators who are not only capable but also passionate about driving positive change in our schools and communities.