Why Teach?

“Every day when I walk in I don’t know what I’m going to get, but every day is a magic moment.”
- Eirlys

“I hope to be one of those teachers inspiring my students, as a role model and an educator, to be their best selves in all aspects of their lives.”
- Alex

“There is something very special about the look in a child’s face when they achieve something they didn’t even know was possible.”
- Gemma

Make a Difference
Teachers make a positive impact on the lives of their students. You can help shape future generations. It’s also about supporting and connecting with students.

Variety
No two days are the same; you might work with different topics, different students, in different spaces. There are also carnivals, camps and excursions.

Lifelong Learner
Teaching offers lots of opportunities for ongoing development. You can continue to learn and grow your skills throughout your career, which is very rewarding.

Career
There is always demand for teachers - job security is comparatively high. Teachers also have a relatively high starting salary, and there are opportunities for career advancement.

Options
Work with any age group or specialise in a field that you love e.g. mathematics, history, music, languages. There are mainstream schools, alternative schools, schools with students that have special needs, and tertiary options.

Scholarships
There are a range of teaching scholarships, internships and immersions to make your pathway to employment easier. Check with universities as to what’s on offer.
Becoming a Teacher

Find out what skills and attributes you need to be a teacher, and whether this rewarding career is right for you.

WHAT YOU’LL NEED
These are skills and attributes that teachers should have:
- Emotional Intelligence
- Communication Skills
- Flexibility
- High Energy
- Collaborative
- Subject Knowledge

CHOICES TO MAKE
- What kind of teacher do you want to be?
  - Early Childhood
  - Primary
  - Secondary
  - (Which subject?)

WORK/LIFE BALANCE
What might a teacher’s day look like?
- Teaching
- Class Preparation
- Administration
- Extracurricular Activities
- Emails & Phone Calls
- Meetings
- Marking
- Student Work
- Preparation

HEADING TO UNIVERSITY
Check individual Universities for details:
- You will be required to complete the LANTITE (literacy/numeracy test)
- ATAR: 60 - 85 depending on course and institution
- Band 4 in Mathematics for Primary Teaching
- At least 3 Band 5 results, including English

EMPLOYMENT
Starting salary for 1st year out teacher January 2023
- $78,397
- $81,628
- $84,191
- $85,000
- $74,769
- $77,248
- $71,868
- $81,628

- Current rate of teachers in NSW working full time is 58%, part time is 42%
- There is high demand for teachers across all sectors, particularly in Maths and Technology/TAS subjects
- Some schools may offer recruitment bonuses
- Some schools may offer added pay for running extracurricular programs
- You will need to be accredited by NESA to teach in NSW

WHAT KIND OF COURSE ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?
- Undergraduate (Bachelor) - 4 Years
- Undergraduate (Double Bachelor) - 4/5 Years
- Post-Graduate (Master) - 1-2 Years

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UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Education
This undergraduate course is a mix of educational theory, pedagogy (how to teach), subject content (e.g. Maths, History) and practical experience.
Approx. 4 years

Bachelor of Education + Bachelor of Arts/Science
This undergraduate course includes all of the above, but you go into more depth with the subject content.
Approx. 4 - 5 years

Master of Teaching
For those who already have a Bachelor Degree, this postgraduate course focuses on educational theory, pedagogy and practical experience.
Approx. 1 - 2 years

LANTITE
This is the Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education. It was introduced to ensure all teachers are able cope with the literacy and numeracy demands of the profession.

You can take the online LANTITE in Year 11 or 12 - there are several opportunities to take the test. The LANTITE is very similar to NAPLAN or Minimum Standards, and there are practice questions so you can prepare.

You can find out more information here:
https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/

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