

CAREER ADVICE

Becoming a Teacher



Why Teach?

"Every day when I walk in I don't know what I'm going to get, but 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



Subject Knowledge



Communication Skills



Collaborative



Flexibility



High Energy

CHOICES TO MAKE



What kind of teacher do you want to be?



Early Childhood



Primary



Secondary (Which subject?)



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What kind of course are you interested in?



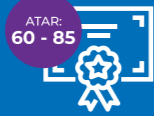
Post-Graduate (Master) 1- 2 Years

HEADING TO UNIVERSITY

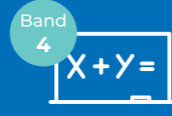
Check individual Universities for details



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



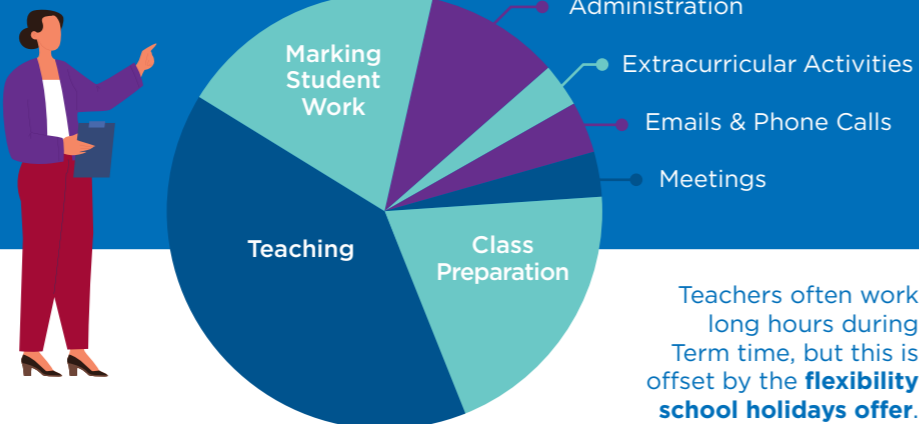
You may need to submit a letter or attend an interview

WORK/LIFE BALANCE

What might a teacher's day look like?

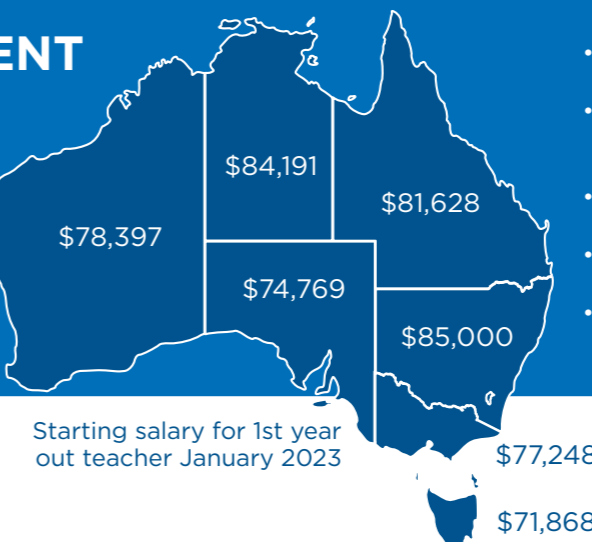


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Teachers often work long hours during Term time, but this is offset by the **flexibility school holidays offer.**

EMPLOYMENT



- 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

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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