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Shaping the lives of students

When Braydon Giles was a student, he saw no other path for himself than teaching. Now, he is the Head of Middle School at St John's Anglican College and continues to teach English, while leading transformative academic and pastoral initiatives for Middle School students.

'Like many teachers, I was inspired by my own teachers in school as they made learning fun, focused on connection, and encouraged me to pursue my passions,' Braydon said.

'I had some amazing mentors when I first started teaching with the Department of Education and this really laid the foundations for my career trajectory.'

Braydon began his teaching career in 2012. His early years in the classroom quickly evolved into leadership roles, beginning with Head of Year.

'I realised early on that my passion extended beyond the classroom,' he said.

'This early step into middle leadership confirmed for me that guiding others and looking at ways to shape the broader educational landscape in schools was important to me.'

Beyond his work at the school, Braydon serves as Vice President of Adolescent Success, Australia's leading association for middle years education. Additionally, he recently served as Treasurer of the Joint Council of Queensland Teachers' Associations, advocating for professional learning and collaboration across the state.

'Education is – at its core – a deeply human and social enterprise, and we can learn so much from the connections and conversations with colleagues,' Braydon said.

'I love the opportunity to connect with passionate educators across the nation who are focused on empowering the next generation of young people.'

'As teachers, I love that the ones that we try to inspire are always the ones who inspire us.'

Braydon believes teaching is one of the greatest professions in the world.

'Some would say it's a calling, to shape lives and the future. It's not always easy, but it is incredibly meaningful, and relationships will be your greatest tool. For our work with young people, it's so important to see the person before the behaviour.'

'Above all, teaching will stretch you, it will humble you, and it will inspire you in equal measure. We need passionate educators. Those who care deeply about our next generation and making a lasting impact on the lives of others.'

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