

A Day in the Life of a Teacher



Hi, welcome to Southlands Australian Christian College. Come with me as I show you a typical day in the life of a teacher. Okay, we're now going to go to our morning devotional. We do this every morning for about 15, 20 minutes. It's such a huge blessing. We all come together. We share our concerns in our own hearts and to do with the school. It's really nice. It feels so unified. It feels like we're really joining together and learning from one another.

WELCOME TO OUR CLASSROOM

Now, it's time to start our day. Let's go have a look at my classroom. I really love this classroom mostly because of just the environment itself. For a first year teacher, this is pretty incredible. I know a lot of my friends in other schools are quite envious of all the gorgeous furniture I have. I love the classroom and the kids as well because I have such wonderful relationships with them. In the mornings we like to do a bit of a routine. We have all our kids come in and they have to set their desks up, get their home reading book, make sure they've got their chair ready. When they've done all those things, they can come and say that they're no longer at home. They're at school and then, when the school day actually starts, we do a bit of math. We say how many kids are here today, how many are absent. We've got lots of other things we do in our daily morning routine. We do the date; we do the days of the week; we do the weather. We get to change the weather dial. It's just a good way to do the math in the morning. It's nice, lots of integration.

TALKING DISTANCE EDUCATION

One of the amazing features of Australian Christian College is we also offer, as well as being day school campuses, we have distance education. My role in ACC is, as well as being a day school teacher of year 1 and 2, I also put on courses for the stage 1 class, which is years 1 and 2 for all across Australia. I'm also homeroom teacher for year 2. It's a real challenge, especially for someone who's not totally techno savvy, like me, but it's been a good learning opportunity, especially when you have such great support staff like we do at school.

The opportunity to share and talk with other teachers who are more experienced than you, and also the way that we can build relationships with parents and students in a different way through technology. It's been really wonderful watching those relationships grow. They're very near and dear to my heart.

HOCKEY & LUNCH FUN

Okay, now we have sports. The kids especially love hockey which is what they're playing today with Ms. Sweeney. Let's go take a look.

Okay, so we've just had lunch and we're now doing handwriting. The kids have handwriting books. It's really good to practice your handwriting obviously really early on, but sometimes the whole pencil grip and following really fine lines can be quite full on for kids of this age. Having the white board is wonderful because it's a different tactile play. It makes seemingly boring lessons really enjoyable to be able to mess around with different funky coloured pens and make shapes. It's just a different way of exploring something that's actually really crucial to their education.

All right, it's the end of the day, so we always like to finish the end of the day with news. We're now going to have our news, which we like to do at our nice beautiful stage. See you tomorrow, Jessica. School's over; kids have gone home. Typically, I like to come up to the office. This is our office and everyone's everywhere. Normally during this time we do lots of online stuff.

For me in the afternoons, I tend to do a bit of podcasting. I'm just finalising one now. That involves me being recorded or using camtasia, doing a copy of the work that I want the kids to do and later I'll go and put that on YouTube and then input it into our same online site and some instructions for parents. This is the way we deliver our instructions to our kids. You can see from our staff room how collaborative it is.

We have some really wonderful teams not just in Southlands, but in WA and the whole of the ACC ship. It's really great. We can collaborate with lots of people here and over east.

STAFF MEETING TIME

Okay, so it's now staff meeting time. We actually have the board with us today, which is really wonderful, which just illustrates how ACC is not just one school. It's not just one area in Australia. It's Australia-wide. All right, that's my day done. Thanks for coming with me. See you later.