

I began working at Kapunda High School in 2004. I became a teacher later in life, having worked in numerous other industries before choosing to study for a new career in education. Whilst all vocations have their highs and lows, for me, teaching has been the most challenging but most rewarding job I've ever had. In my time at Kapunda High, I have taught all year levels, in subjects such as English, History, Music and Psychology. I have experienced many personal and professional changes, and have learned a great deal about myself and my students.

The highlights have been the obvious things such as school camps, Operation Flinders, the many musicals, working with the Vocal Group and Concert Band, excursions, school sports and swimming carnivals, well-being activities, and staff versus student sports.

However, it has been the day-to-day classroom environment that I have found the most fulfilling. There is nothing better than seeing a student 'light-up' with enthusiasm when they are introduced to a new concept which catches their imagination. Also very rewarding is observing a student show persistence and resilience to learn a new skill.

I have worked with some wonderful colleagues over the years, and I am thankful for the many friendships and the support that I have received at all times. I have a multitude of happy, humorous and humbling memories from KHS, and will always reflect upon the last fifteen years with gratitude.