



## Lower Secondary

Ever since I was in primary school I knew I wanted to be a teacher. I used to come home and line my teddies up and teach them. I tried to teach my younger sister but of course she objected instead we used to play school with our Barbies. It was Primary school that fostered my love for learning.

In secondary school I found my most inspirational teacher, she made everything fun and everything was a project and a game. Mrs Dunbar was my history teacher and thanks to her I will always love learning history. She spoke about history with such enthusiasm and admiration that you couldn't help but fall in love with the subject.

She brought the world's history through the classroom door in every lesson and I always felt like a time traveller wondering where we would travel next. I believe what made her a great teacher was her love for the subject coupled with her teaching skills. She always wanted us to think outside the box,

encouraged us to question everything. She used her drama and emotive skills to let us feel the mindset of the people in the war, in Rome ECT.

Projects she gave us were always creative and a mixture of team and individual work; instead of weekly tests we had “who wants to be a millionaire” History quiz. Every week someone would win a bar of chocolate and every week she picked a group of three to make up questions; suited to the weeks learning.

One of my favourite memories of the class was making a model of Pompeii. Our group had to give a presentation on Pompeii and make a model. I was very proud as we made our volcano explode during our presentation and I developed a great interest in Pompeii and the roman civilization.

From my experience with this teacher I remember thinking how I wanted to make learning and education as fun and as creative as I could when I became a teacher. I want to be able elicit curiosity in children, leading them to question our world and how it works. Mrs Dunbar taught me the value of independent learning and that everyone yearns to explore and discover the world. As a teacher it is my responsibility to cater for exploration and discovery and to acknowledge that everyone has different interests and abilities and that lesson’s have to be as multi sensory as possible.

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