



Brittany Watts - 2022 Mentor Leader

Education - Secondary

CAREER PATH: I will graduate at the end of this year and with my teaching areas being History and English. I'm hoping to obtain my first year of teaching at a local Catholic Secondary school/college.

ABOUT ME: On top of being a mature age student I am also a mother of three, so times have been tough but there is always support that can help in any difficult situation.

FUN FACT: I never stop trying and my motivation (and reasoning) can encourage people to not give up.



Zoe Blackburn

Education - Primary

CAREER PATH: I will graduate in 2023 and am hoping to work in a beautiful primary school with fun and creative students.

ABOUT ME: I was born and raised in Townsville, and am one in a family of 6 (if you count my dogs). In my spare time, if there ever is such a thing, I want to say I do something imaginative but in reality, I probably just sleep.

FUN FACT: I can't stand cane toads, to the point where I will make my brother take the bins out at night, just in case they're hanging around them.



Hannah O'Donnell

Education - Secondary

CAREER PATH: I will graduate at the end of 2023 and my teaching areas are Legal Studies and English. I am looking to specialise in working with students from a trauma background and ensuring they are given the best chance to succeed.

ABOUT ME: I moved to Magnetic Island on a gap year as a nanny (a job I got off Gumtree) and decided to stay because I hate the cold. I'm originally from Albury, NSW.

FUN FACT: I did the Diploma of Higher Education before I started my Education degree, and I love to watch trashy TV series marathons (rewatched Greys Anatomy 4 times).



Jacinta Russo

Education - Primary

CAREER PATH: I would like to work in the primary as a primary school teacher or a primary school health and physical education teacher.

ABOUT ME: I am from a small town on the tablelands known as Mareeba. I come from a family of 4. In my spare time I love going camping and water skiing.

FUN FACT: I work as a butcher in my spare time.



Nicholas Tuckey

Education - Secondary

CAREER PATH: I aim to be working in one of Townsville's high schools as an English and Humanities teacher!

ABOUT ME: I grew up in New Zealand! Although I love Townsville, I always look forward to a holiday back home with the family!

FUN FACT: I am a massive pop culture nerd and am more than happy to talk about all kinds of nerdy hobbies and interests whenever you're free.



Rachel Ward

Education – Secondary

CAREER PATH: I am so excited to start teaching full-time when I graduate at the end of 2023. I am hoping to teach in the public sector, possibly in Cairns or Mackay! I am majoring in English and Minor in History, although this has changed a few times (and most likely will again).

ABOUT ME: I grew up on a cane farm an hour outside of Mackay. I absolutely love cats and always love to be doing something with my time, whether it is one of my three jobs or playing cards with my house mates.

FUN FACT: I am the President of the Education Society for 2022!



Jessie Zevenbergen

Education – Primary

CAREER PATH: I'm studying a Bachelor of Education (Primary) so after I graduate, I'll be teaching in a Primary school somewhere in Australia. I don't mind where or what grade I'll be teaching. I'll just be happy being a teacher!

ABOUT ME: I was born in Townsville however I have lived all around Australia. In my spare time I enjoy being crafty and I also play netball.

FUN FACT: I was 'Principal for a day' in year 7