

Teaching Philosophy

As an educator, my teaching philosophy centres on empowering my students to learn how to learn. In today's constantly changing and evolving world it is essential for individuals to possess critical thinking skills and skills that help them adapt to new information. With new discoveries and technology appearing every day it is important that future members of society can use tools they have learned in their school career to continue their learning indefinitely. Thus, my approach to teaching is to emphasise the importance of learning how to learn.

First and foremost, I believe that education should be student-centred. I strive to create a classroom environment where students feel comfortable and empowered to try new things, make mistakes, and question everything. Encouraging them to ask questions, share their thoughts and ideas, and engage in discussions will help students to take ownership of their learning. By promoting collaboration and demonstrating different learning strategies and methods of sharing their learning, students are able to develop their own unique strategies and approaches.

Secondly, I recognize that students have diverse learning styles and preferences. Some students may be visual learners, others may be auditory learners, and many students may not know their learning style. Therefore, I make it a priority to provide a variety of learning resources and opportunities. This could include visuals such as diagrams and videos, interactive group activities, different styles of written work, and hands-on activities like field trips. By encouraging students to leave their comfort zones and try new avenues of learning, they are introduced to new approaches that work best for them.

Finally, I prioritise the value of reflection and self-evaluation. By encouraging students to reflect on their own learning experiences and evaluate their progress, they are able to identify what worked best for them. This can help them to improve their study habits and develop effective learning strategies.

I believe my philosophy aligns well with the First Peoples Principles of Learning, specifically: "Learning requires exploration of one's identity" and "Learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational" I am committed to Indigenizing my content because I truly feel that it is what's best for every student now and for their futures.

In summary, my teaching philosophy is centred on teaching students how to learn. By creating a student-centred learning environment, providing a variety of learning resources, and promoting reflection, I strive to empower my students to take their learning into their own hands.