Background

Through the Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership, all states and territories were required to establish Centres of Excellence. The purpose of our Centres is to provide high quality field experiences for preservice teachers, and professional development for existing teachers.

The Queensland Teacher Education Centres of Excellence (TECE) create learning communities that focus on nurturing and developing the capacity of the preservice teacher at the outset of their career.

Mt Stuart Cluster Teacher Education Centre of Excellence (MSCTECE) has a specialty focus. It links the theoretical knowledge of Indigenous students and communities, with extended practical experiences in the classroom, supported by highly experienced coaches.

Purpose

The Mt Stuart Cluster Teacher Education Centre of Excellence provides:

- Highly trained, prepared and self-evaluative beginning teachers for tomorrow’s classrooms.
- Extended preservice teaching and learning experiences with quality supervision, coaching and support by elite educators.
- Guaranteed opportunities to recruit the highest performing preservice teachers into Education Queensland schools.
- Complete preservice, transition, induction and initial teaching phase support and professional development for beginning teachers.
- Improved educational outcomes for all students through developing capability in the current and future Education Queensland workforce.

Implementation

Mt Stuart Cluster comprises of six schools – William Ross SHS, Annandale SS, Oonoonba SS, Wulguru State School, Stuart SS and Woodstock SS. The Mt Stuart Cluster has formed an alliance with additional, exceptional schools from within the North Queensland and Far North Queensland regions. Together these schools will constantly evolve, evaluate and foster ‘best practice’ environments that result in every student, every day achieving the absolute best outcomes resulting in life-long learners who are outstanding citizens.

The Mt Stuart Cluster Teacher Education Centre has combined with James Cook University (JCU), Townsville and Cairns Campuses to cooperatively deliver ‘excellence’ in preservice teacher education.

Successful applicants participate in a rigorous program amalgamating extended clinical experiences with innovative, relevant educational research. The key elements of this program are: to focus on data driven, differentiation of instruction for all learners, particularly catering for indigenous students; to be highly innovative in Information Computer Technologies (ICTs) that enhances classroom environments; and to sustain and enrich partnerships between schools and their community. Graduates of the Mt Stuart Cluster Teacher Education Centre of Excellence will be eligible for prioritisation for employment in state schools.

Additional Information

For further information regarding Education Queensland’s Teacher Education Centres of Excellence, the priorities of the Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership Agreement or the initiatives being implemented in Queensland state schools, please visit our website at: www.education.qld.gov.au/NationalPartnerships