I have been in Mount Isa for about 20 years now.

I went there as a beginning teacher, was going for 12 months, and I'm still there 20 years later.

I have worked my way up through the promotional positions, children and family up there now and call it home.

My favourite thing, I think, is just watching my kids, being able to do 55 different sports cause you're 5 minutes or across town.

They can dance, they can do netball, they can do football, they can do lots of different things.

So, it is a great opportunity for families and having kids.

The teacher accommodation up there is fantastic. You met some great people, there's a great social life up there, they go camping, they go races, rodeo, they all talk about the Mount Isa rodeo.

So, things like that. We also mix with the surrounding community, so Cloncurry, Doomadgee, all of those sorts of places, we meet those people up there too.

So, it's a really tight-knit community, and everyone supports  everyone.

We have a CLAW which is basically supporting teachers, helping our first-year teachers also run lots of PDs to help you know people in their progression.

So, not everything is about a trip to Brisbane. There is lots of support up there; there are lots of

mentors up there. Our admin are all long-termers, so there's lots of support in terms of that admin, and the progression is fairly quick if you want that.

So, if that's what you want, otherwise, you do your teaching, become a great teacher and come back down and bring your skills back down to the metropolitan areas.

It's a great place to live, a great place to raise kids and a great place to work.