



## Media Award 2008

### Dr Michael Nagel, *Teaching the Teachers*

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The work by Dr Michael Nagel, senior lecturer in the Faculty of Science, Health and Education at the University of the Sunshine Coast clearly articulates his desire that schooling is a positive and enriching experience for students and teachers alike. The article *Teaching the Teacher* by Dr. Nagel, published in the March edition of *Sydney's Child* demands the attention and consideration of the general public. It offers some ideas for consideration about the issue of teacher education and professional development in light of the ever increasing pressure placed on teachers by many sectors of society.

Dr Nagel writes from the perspective of someone who has experienced the roles of student and student-teacher, and who is currently in the business of teaching future teachers. His discussion of the single most important factor determining the quality of the education a child receives is the quality of their teacher cannot be overstated.

The general tone and themes of the article are summed up by Dr Nagel's closing paragraph: "Each day we seem to learn a little bit more about great teachers. But one of the fundamental messages that teacher educators attempt to burn into the psyche of aspiring teachers is that great teachers have students who are happy and engaged in learning so that the best can be brought out in each and every one of them."

The teaching profession acknowledges the work of Dr. Nagel and the way in which he promotes a greater understanding of the excellent work of the profession in a most positive and supportive manner.