

To my teacher:

If I had not had you as my teacher in Year 7, my life would be incredibly different. I'm not saying it would be bad – but you opened my eyes to what I could be, what I could do, in a way that I've never thought possible. You took a kid from Penrith and made him want to see the world and beyond.

I still remember one lesson where you told us about your hopes for your future when you were our age. I think you were meant to be talking about science, but it changed, and kind of became a life study. You told us about your regrets, and your successes, and for some reason, it all resonated with me, and I started to realize that anything really is possible.

You have changed my whole aspect on my learning, I wouldn't be where I am today without you. Your encouragement and persistence in my junior years has taught me that I am who I am, and to get to the top, it's all down to me. I am capable, but it will take hard work and lots of dedication.

Thank you,

Nick (Graduated).