

ATPS Staff Interviews



1. What is your name?

Nick Archbold – call me Sensei – it's short for sensational!

2. What is your job title?

Teacher of Languages (Japanese)

3. What is your role at the school (your main responsibilities)?

I teach Japanese language to all students from PP to Year 6 at Anzac Terrace IPS. I also run the Languages program at Dalmain PS in Kingsley.

4. What is your favourite part of the job?

I love passing on the things I've learned to young people. I still study Japanese myself so we're all on the same journey. I also like to incorporate music and humour into my work so I'm really lucky to be able to do that in my role.

5. How long have you been in Education?

I started school when I was 5.

6. How long have you been at Anzac Terrace PS?

I started at ATPS in 2016.

7. Why did you become a Teacher?

While I was at Uni I started doing Aikido which is a Japanese martial art – I got totally into it and decided to go and study with the masters in Japan. I did a Diploma of Education after I graduated so I'd be able to work teaching English while studying Aikido. It was a really magical and exciting time. I spent 5 years there living in Tokyo, Hiroshima and Osaka. I was most fortunate in that when I returned in 1996 there was a high demand for Japanese teachers and I found a position in Karratha where I worked for 4 years before returning to Perth.

8. What do you love most about our school?

I really love the view from the Japanese room. We should really appreciate our school grounds. (Thanks Wayne)

9. What is your favourite inspirational quote?

Don't worry Be Happy!

10. Tell us something about yourself that no one at Anzac Terrace knows?

One of my musical compositions is available on iTunes. It has clocked up 3 listens (all by me)! My brother is a very good musician and he included me on an album recorded back in 1984.

11. If you weren't a Teacher, what would you have liked to have been?

I secretly harbour thoughts of being a stand-up comic.

12. Where do you see yourself in five years?

My goal is to do a paragliding course next year – so the sky's the limit!

13. If you could change one thing in the world, what would that be and why?

It is the way it is – I'll try to be more kind.

14. What makes you laugh the most?

There are some very funny people on the staff in both of my schools so it's great to share a laugh. A sense of humour is an essential item in the teacher's survival kit.

15. What was the favourite book you have read and why?

My Swedish grandmother gave me 'Tales from the Moomin Valley' when I was 6 or 7 and I have read it many times since then. A very interesting collection of unusual characters. I highly recommend it.

16. If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be and why?

Some more hair would have been nice.

17. What would you sing at a Karaoke Night?

Generally, when people mention Karaoke I start looking for the exit, however assuming I was well hydrated at the end of an evening I might go for a slower number like "You Were Always On My Mind" – then everyone else starts looking for the exit.

Thank you for taking part in this interview ☺