

ATPS Staff Interviews



1. What is your name?

Stuart Blackwood

2. What is your job title?

Principal

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

To lead staff in the provision of a wonderful educational journey for 371 students at Anzac Terrace

4. What is your favourite part of the job?

First and foremost, working with students; watching them undertake their educational journey from when they first come to us as babes through to when they leave us as young adults.

5. How long have you been in Education?

28 years

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

Seven and a half years.

7. Why did you become a Principal?

I truly enjoy helping teachers be better at their job; and therefore in turn, helping students reach their educational ambitions.

8. What do you love most about our school?

The staff, students, and parents ... I love the community spirit of Anzac Terrace.

9. What is your favourite inspirational quote?

If you enjoy what you do for a living, you'll never work a day in your life.

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

I played representative cricket in Victoria
I hold 4 types of driver's licence (including a forklift licence)
I can juggle 😊

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

A sports journalist

12. Where do you see yourself in five years?

Still a Principal, hopefully still at Anzac Terrace PS

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

Inequality, but particularly racism.

14. What makes you laugh the most?

I like 'old school' humour ... Monty Python or The Young Ones

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

I love to read, and my favourite book changes all the time. Right now my favourite book/s are:-
The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy by Douglas Adams or The Catcher In The Rye by J.D. Salinger
or The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins or Lord Of The Flies by William Golding
or ... anything by Theodor Seuss Geisel (better known as Dr. Suess) 😊

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

My height ... I really wanted to be six foot tall (fell short by two inches 😊)

17. What would you sing at a Karaoke Night?

Love karaoke, but need Dutch-courage to do it in front of friends (or colleagues). Probably an old school song ... Beatles, Bon Jovi, Joe Jackson ... something like that.

Thank you for taking part in this interview 😊