



The teaching profession's independent state body—the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT)—wants to acknowledge one of our most valuable and rewarding professions.

'TEACHERS INSPIRE' is our **World Teachers' Day** theme and our communities don't need to look far to find inspiration during what has so far been a particularly challenging 2011. In classrooms all over Queensland, teachers kept teaching when facilities, resources and years of precious work had been destroyed through natural disasters—some carrying on even when their own homes were destroyed, while others encouraged their school communities to help those in need.

Others invested a great deal of their own time to stay at the forefront of their practices through professional development, training and fulfilling all that is required to make our educators among the world's best.

Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers' Day is symbolic of the hard work done in classrooms and of hopes for our next generation. Introduced in 1994 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), it is a day on which students, parents and community members are encouraged to show their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community.

The QCT provides World Teachers' Day posters for display in the classroom and office. Students and parents may show their appreciation by presenting their teacher with a certificate from www.qct.edu.au/wtd.

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