



Meet The Graduate – Jana Torre

Video Transcript

This transcript is of Edition #09 – How are we going and where to next?

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Question 1:		[Visual] Introduce yourself and tell us where you work
Jana:	00:01	My name is Jana Torre and I work at the Broadmeadows Special Developmental School, teaching the early years.
Question 2:		[Visual] How did you first day go?
Jana:	00:19	My first day was good. I was a little bit nervous to start off with, but then it was really great to get to know my students and how they learn and really get to engage with them and get to know them.
Question 3:		[Visual] What were your expectations about starting and what was different?
Jana:	00:35	So, I volunteered at the school for three years before I started working here, so really, I was well supported before my first day and I expected everything that I experienced on my first day due to that reason. I just had the support beforehand and I was well prepared for my first day.
Question 4:		[Visual] What has been the best thing in school so far?
Jana:	00:54	Seeing my children achieve new things, things that they hadn't had from the start of the year, and then seeing them now and seeing that they've achieved so many wonderful things.

Question 5:		[Visual] What is the best thing that has happened in the classroom?
Jana:	01:15	Just seeing my students all sitting together in a group and engaging in a task together, working together to complete tasks and working as a team with their teacher and aide. It's really powerful because it shows that my teaching is going to good use and good practice for my students, and I feel as if, what I'm doing is working. Due to the needs in my class. It is really rewarding to see students engaged as it isn't as easy for them as students in mainstream schools.
Question 6:		[Visual] What has been a challenge and how did you overcome it?
Jana:	01:54	The challenge that I've had is completing reports for the first time. I overcame this by seeking help from my mentor and from my peers.
Question 7:		[Visual] What DET resources have you found useful in your practice?
Jana:	02:08	The practice principles document, and this has helped me to have really positive connections with my students. Creating a positive and engaging learning environment.
Question 8:		[Visual] If you could go back in time, what would you tell your first day self?
Jana:	02:25	Just be confident, be you and everything will be great.
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