

## **Rhian Bilclough**

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Rhian says that she is privileged to work with young people with their ever curious and creative minds, relentless pursuit of excellence and their desire to learn more about the world around them. "This makes teaching the very best job in the world," she says.

Rhian uses technology extensively to help students access resources and strengthen their learning. Some of these initiatives are an Economics Nerd app and an Economics Nerd Facebook page that enables her students to access resources 24/7, and to enhance and extend the understanding of economics among her students in Years 11 and 12.

She also uses Kahoot, Socrative and Go Formative for interactive web-based learning and assessments that are suited to 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. She also has subject experts making live and Skype presentations to her students.

Thanks to a handy teacher scholarship, she has been able to set up a Centre of Excellence for Economics in her school and her classroom is now known as Economics Central. Rhian has also worked with experts at Curtin University to develop and implement a free conference for high school economics teachers during the July school holidays.

She dreams of upgrading economics teaching in all schools so that all students will one day leave school with an understanding of the economy and can make informed decisions as adults.