

SCHOOL OF ISOLATED AND DISTANCE EDUCATION

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY TEACHING AT SIDE



INNOVATIVE SUPPORTED REWARDING

The School of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE) is a public school with a statewide reach and a bold vision:

“To enhance and expand learning opportunities for Western Australian students, regardless of their circumstances, through high quality, inclusive and culturally responsive educational programs in a blended learning environment.”

With more than **4,000 students** and partnerships with over **270 schools** across Western Australia, SIDE provides a truly unique teaching experience. Our Design & Technology team teach the standard WA curriculum - including Woodwork, Jewellery, Electronics, and Automotive - through a dynamic blend of hands-on and online instruction.

Staff are based at either our Leederville or Eaton workshop, depending on their location. These state-of-the-art facilities are fully equipped with traditional tools, standard machines, and CNC technologies. Lessons are taught live via Webex to small classes (maximum 10 students) in partner schools, where a trained on-site supervisor ensures safety and supports practical learning.

From one lesson to the next, you might be teaching students on Christmas Island, followed by a class in a Wheatbelt town - reaching students who would otherwise miss out on D&T. As one teacher shared:

“Making a connection with students who’ve never had the chance to do D&T - that’s what makes this job so rewarding.”

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Programs, assessments, working drawings, and step-by-step instructional videos are all provided - making the role well resourced and highly structured.

Teachers are expected to periodically travel to schools across WA to build relationships, conduct safety checks, and carry out basic workshop maintenance. Some visits may include overnight stays. But as one staff member put it:

“The occasional regional trip breaks the role up - I find it satisfying.”

To succeed in the role, you'll need to be flexible, well organised, and confident working with digital platforms - and while some teachers initially worry about being on camera or making videos, they quickly realise the support is strong and the impact is real:

“Teaching woodwork online? Absolutely effective.”

“We collaborate because we know it leads to better outcomes for our students, and that's what drives all of us.”

You'll join a large, experienced, and collaborative team that lives SIDE's values of Courage, Connection, Creativity, Equity, and Compassion. It's a workplace where teachers are trusted to get on with the job, where class sizes are small, and where your work truly matters.

WHY TEACH D&T AT SIDE?

- ✓ Real impact in regional and remote communities
- ✓ Fully resourced programs and projects
- ✓ Supportive team and respectful culture
- ✓ Travel that adds variety - not pressure
- ✓ Small, focused class sizes

If you're ready to bring practical learning to students who need it most - and want to be part of a forward-thinking, well-supported team - we'd love to welcome you to the SIDE D&T team.