

Paul Baumgarten



I'm an educator and computer scientist with a bit of an entrepreneurial streak.

My philosophy of education is:

- That the key to successful teaching is to build **positive relationships** with my students, so my classroom may be a **safe, caring, and inquisitive** learning environment; a place where it is ok for students to be themselves, **make mistakes**, have a **laugh** about it, and then (importantly) try again.
- To engage students in "**work that matters**"; learning opportunities that are intrinsically motivating, that stretch students' perception of their own abilities, and that result in lasting educational **memories** and produce **artefacts of value**.
- To educate beyond the narrow focus of the "curriculum", **preparing students** for the challenges of the modern world through developing their creative problem solving, collaboration and communication skills. Additionally a strong focus on understanding the technology that plays a vital and ever increasing role in our lives and society is crucial to this endeavour.
- To model **life long learning** by staying abreast of current educational thinking, particularly in regards to pedagogy and technology. I consider myself a student of the likes of Sir Ken Robertson, Prof Stephen Heppell, Dr Yong Zhao, and Larry Rosenstock. As a self confessed nerd, I also enjoy coding and learning new technologies in my spare time, which helps me stay abreast of the rapid changes in my field of Computer Science.

Employment history

International School of Lausanne

Computer Science and Mathematics teacher

Teaching the International Baccalaureate DP Computer Science course (Standard & Higher levels), MYP Digital Design, and MYP Mathematics.

August 2015 to present.



Georgiana Molloy Anglican School

Information Technology teacher

I taught Information Technology & Computing courses to Years 7 through 10. (A great school to work at, I thoroughly enjoyed my short time there. I only left because of the international opportunity that became available.)

January 2015 to July 2015.

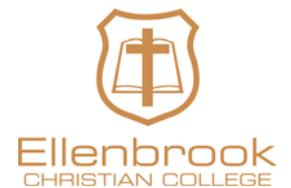


Ellenbrook Christian College

Information Technology teacher

Over my nine years at this school, I taught various Information Technology & Computing courses from Years 8 through to 12. I also held a number of leadership responsibilities throughout my tenure including Dean of Curriculum (curriculum oversight), technology integration, timetable coordinator, Head of Learning Area and others.

January 2006 to December 2014.



Kingsway Christian College

Information Technology Manager

Responsible for all non-teaching aspects of the IT systems including network infrastructure, servers, website, and oversight of the support technicians.

April 1998 to December 2003.



Jigsaw Studios

Proprietor

Jigsaw Studios is the registered business name I use for any side projects I've worked on in recent years. The main purpose being that it helps keep my software development skills current.

Ongoing.



Tertiary qualifications

Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary)

University of Western Australia
Perth, Western Australia

Awarded 2005



Bachelor of Science (Computer Science)

Edith Cowan University
Perth, Western Australia

Awarded 2004

