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QP INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

Given that I have been working in education since 1983 I was interested to note that last week saw the celebration of World Teachers Day, I must confess that over the years this has somewhat passed me by. I noted that this day is celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide, established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to recognize the role of teachers in society.

The message from UNESCO, read: 'On this World Teachers' Day, as we celebrate teachers' important contributions to improving the lives of children and youth around the world, we reaffirm our commitment to increasing the global supply of qualified teachers.'

Reading this did make me reflect on the positive difference teachers can make to the lives of young people and how a career in teaching is worth considering for any of our students who are contemplating their own career pathway. This is particularly relevant given that UNESCO state there are 264 million children globally who do not have access to full time education and that several million teachers will need to be recruited in

order to reach the 2030 UNESCO education goal of universal primary and secondary education.

Some food for thought, the next time one of our young people ponders the question "what is it I want to do in the future?"

I have been working with colleagues in both schools and discussing how as teachers we can make the biggest difference and what are our collective ambitions for our students. Together we have drafted a vision statement that reads:

In order to support the overall vision and values of QP, our schools have agreed the following:

Our vision is for our students to be high achieving, healthy and happy individuals, well prepared to take their place as global citizens and leaders of the future.

Our mission is to achieve this by inspirational teaching that places high value on learning, enjoyment and the wellbeing of all our students.

To support this vision and mission, our schools will ensure that QP values are promoted at all levels and are evident in all that we do.

I would be interested to hear from a staff and parent perspective as to whether this is a shared view and how we can work together to ensure this vision is not only

well communicated but is actually realized.

I will conclude this communication by thanking all the families who attended the open event at DES earlier this week in order to get a first look at the new primary school. The school reported that over 500 family members attended and in speaking with many of them it was good to hear the overwhelming praise for the new resource. One parent reminded me how important the school is for the township as a whole and I am sure this will be the case for many years to come. For those unable to attend this open event, please contact the school as I'm sure future visits can be arranged.

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