

WISE WORDS ON RELATIONSHIPS

In the annual *Teacher* survey, we ask readers: 'Looking back on your experiences as an educator, if you could share one piece of advice with your peers what would it be?' Here are some of the responses received on the topic of relationships.

'Relationships are at the core of everything!'

'Everything is better when the relationships are right.'

'Build rapport with students before anything else.'

'Build relationships with your students through sharing books.'

'Find a good mentor, work with them.'

'Relationships are the key to all you do...'

'Building positive rapport with each and every student you teach will reduce behaviour management issues and ensure your learning environment is operating at its best.'

'It all starts and ends with relationships – observe, empathise and nurture.'

'Never underestimate the power and value of a relationship, be it teacher to teacher, teacher to student, or teacher to parent.'

'Get to know your students as well as you can. The success of everything in the classroom depends upon how well you know your kids.'

'Know your students, then the teaching becomes much clearer.'

'Relationships, relationships, relationships.'

'Build solid relationships with people before looking at data!'