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Gr8 Ideas icon **Responsive teaching, engaged learning**

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| *“I see teaching as a valuable opportunity to assist students in making connections between what they are learning and to understand how their experiences and knowledge contribute to a larger story.”*  Associate Professor Margaret Baguley, a highly experienced educator, shares her ideas.  **Need help?**  Assistance is available from Learning and Teaching Services and/or by consulting with your L&T School Coordinator. | * **Learn student names** Make an effort to learn student names so they feel they are valued as an individual in your class. * **Your teaching ‘contract’** Ensure learning events are well prepared and follow up on student queries in a prompt and professional manner. Your presence and engagement with students are critical. * **Find the ‘hook’** Be aware of relevant current affairs and other ‘hot topics’ which you can use to make connections to teaching materials. Ask students to do the same. * **Encourage sharing**  Where appropriate encourage students to share personal experiences that are relevant to the topic. Open communication channels in class and online. * **Teaching and learning styles**  People learn effectively in different ways so it is important to ensure you include a variety of activities which cater for this including visual, auditory and kinaesthetic activities. | * **Promote enthusiasm** Prepare learning events which you are excited about and deliver these in an engaging and effective way. If you are not enthusiastic about your material why would your students be? * **Respectful environment**   Your actions often speak louder than words. The way you treat students in your virtual or physical class will often mirror the way they respond to you. It is your responsibility to create and foster an environment of respect for one another.   * **An open door** Let students know when you are available for consultation and how they can contact you, either physically or virtually. In addition to teaching times, the times before and after are important opportunities for students to engage with you. We have excellent online communication tools for students not physically on campus, so the tyranny of distance, time and space does not affect the quality of the learning experience. |