



### The 2018 Australia's Local Hero - Mathematics Teacher, Eddie Woo.

Eddie Woo is arguably Australia's most famous mathematics teacher, making maths fun and attracting young people to engage with maths by making it relatable and interesting.

The head mathematics teacher at Cherrybrook Technology High School in Western Sydney (the largest secondary school in New South Wales), Eddie started posting videos online in 2012 for a student who was sick with cancer and missing a lot of school. Before long, he was sharing the videos across the country and beyond.

'Wootube' now boasts more than 100,000 subscribers and has attracted more than eight million views worldwide and counting. With infectious enthusiasm, the father-of-three's unique and caring approach to teaching destigmatises mathematics as an inaccessible and difficult subject.

Outside his high school classroom, 32 year old Eddie is a volunteer facilitator with the University of Sydney's Widening Participation and Outreach program and has motivated more than 1,400 students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

A brilliant student, Eddie could have chosen any field, but in defiance of social convention and his parents' wish for him to become a doctor, he followed his passion and opted for teaching. Today, he is using his vocation to "pay it forward" and make education equitable for all.

His modern and flexible approach to teaching is taking education beyond the classroom and making it part of young people's device-driven lives, not just in his own school but nationally and internationally. He is a highly energetic, passionate teacher and a proud spokesperson for the important role teachers play in shaping young lives and the future.

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