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# ABOUT MELODIE POTTS ROSEVEAR TFA FOUNDER AND CEO

Melodie Potts Rosevear is founder and CEO of Teach For Australia. She is a disruptor and a problem-solver, driven by a vision for Australia where education gives every child, regardless of background, greater choice for their future.

Melodie has made it her mission to champion better educational outcomes for our most vulnerable children in Australia.

In the past 13 years, the work of TFA has helped more than 450,000 students in 300+ schools, while building a community of more than 1200 teachers and leaders who are bringing about change inside and out of the classroom.

Having personally experienced the life-changing impact of amazing teachers, Melodie has always been deeply committed to excellence and equity in education. Teach For Australia was conceived after she spent time in her early career at Boston Consulting Group (BCG) in the United States and the Cape York Institute in Far North Queensland.

At BCG, Melodie worked on public sector projects in disadvantaged communities that exposed her to the disconnect between young people's potential, their educational outcomes, and the wider economy.

In 2004 Melodie moved to Australia to help Noel Person establish the Cape York Institute, a leading policy think-tank on Indigenous affairs. Through community-led efforts, Melodie worked on the realignment of welfare systems to better meet local community needs, and education initiatives that enabled students from remote communities to access quality secondary education.

Melodie was awarded an Order of Australia for her service to education and teacher development in 2021, has been inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women (2020), was twice named as one of *The Australian Financial Review's* 100 Women of Influence (2014 and 2019), and received the Harvard Kennedy School's Rising Star Award in recognition of an alumna leading and catalysing change (2012).

She holds a Master of Public Policy from Harvard where she received a Kennedy Fellowship, and a Bachelor of Economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she was a Morehead Scholar.

Originally from rural Appalachia, Melodie lives in Melbourne with her husband Sam and son Harrison, affectionately dubbed 'Harry the Hurricane', and their dog, Jack 'The Ripper' Russell.

