Hello, I'm Chris Rider. After 30 years as a teacher and principal in Queensland schools, I am the chief executive officer of the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority. My job is to ensure that curriculum and assessment meets the needs of all young Queenslanders. Importantly, that we also put Queensland at the forefront of curriculum and assessment, internationally.

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority and schools are working together to produce videos to make sure that we understand how to show quality teaching and learning and assessment in schools.

The videos are meant to capture all of the important players in a classroom — most importantly, our young people, our students in a classroom, and their teachers. But also, heads of department, curriculum officers, and obviously subject area experts across Queensland. The important part of this is that we make sure that we have quality assessment and that assessment actually informs teaching and learning.

The videos explore how schools implement curriculum. It is very important that people have an opportunity to learn through assessment. For it is actually through the assessment process that children get an opportunity to learn what they know and what they don’t know.

Students are given feedback about how they are going — if they are able to do something or not do something — and it is through that process of assessment that we are actually able to inform better teaching.

Schools are responsible for marking, assessing and authenticating student work. The videos showcase how teachers make decisions so that those decisions are true, accurate and comparable decisions right across the state so that we have a reliable and valid system in Queensland.

Students reveal what assessment means to them. The feedback they receive from teachers during their formative assessment pieces plays a really important part in the teaching and learning process so that students can improve.

I encourage you to watch these videos, to use the information and strategy, and hear the voices of young people in our schools, so that we can enhance teaching and learning for all young people in Queensland.