



The Writing Workshop

The Wednesday afternoon Creative Writing Workshops will be run again after school in Term 2, 2015. The course will run from 3.30-5.00pm, and will potentially be re-run for those with co-curricular commitments from 5.00-6.30pm, if numbers allow. If there is a significant interest, we will run separate Junior and Senior workshops. All levels of ability are welcome.

ENROLMENTS WILL BE CAPPED AT 20 STUDENTS PER COURSE

ENROLMENTS CLOSE FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

The courses will run every Wednesday from Weeks 1-9 during Term 2.

THE FORMAT OF THE WORKSHOPS:

The workshops are presented by published author Bernard Cohen and tertiary lecturers.

They are run as **workshops** rather than additional classroom lessons, with a focus on creativity, skills and form. Each dynamic session begins with the presenters outlining and brainstorming a concept; students spend 45 minutes composing a piece of writing and the final section of the workshops involves students reading their pieces for peer and teacher feedback. Workshop presenters also provide feedback one-on-one during the writing time as students are working. There is no additional homework, and presenters do not mark or grade written pieces – all feedback is responsive and instantaneous. Students who wish to bring along creative pieces they have written at home are welcome to do so for feedback.

At least one Knox English teacher will also be in attendance as part of the school's duty of care during the running of the workshops, and rolls are marked.

Dr Cohen founded The Writing Workshop in 2006. Since then he has taught creative writing to over 45,000 young people. He is the author of five novels and a picture book. His awards include the Australian/Vogel Literary Prize, Arts Council of England Writer's Award, UTS Alumnus of Distinction and three listings among the Sydney Morning Herald Best Young Australian Novelists. For testimonials and additional details, please visit the website: <http://www.writingworkshop.com.au/index.html>

Enrolments:

In the first instance, enquiries and expressions of interest should be emailed to Ms Helen Knight at knighth@knox.nsw.edu.au. Please advise your son's name and year group, and a preference for the earlier or later session (dependent upon sport or co-curricular commitments), no later than FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2015. Once all enrolments have been processed after this date, your son's enrolment will be confirmed by email and immediate payment will be required via the school's portal payment system (details will be provided with the confirmation email). Workshops commence on the first Wednesday of Term 2 (i.e. Week 1).

Charges for the Course:

The cost for the 9 week course is \$355 per student.

Additional Information:

The workshops for each term are designed to cover a variety of writing skills. Students who have attended previous workshops will experience new material if they choose to re-enrol. The workshops will continue throughout the year and students will develop their writing skills and imaginative approaches, if they continue the course over Terms 3 and 4.

The course is run as a commercial agreement between Knox Grammar School and The Writing Workshop and it is not possible to make a refund or partial refunds once the course commences should a student miss a session or decide to withdraw.