

HSC EXTENSION 2 STUDENT DAY PRESENTERS

All our presenters are experienced HSC teachers. Many are HSC markers and all have expertise and experience in the broader field of education and English.

Claire Kendall is an English teacher at Fort Street High School. She has twenty years' experience and is a marker for Extension 1 English. In 2013 she co-presented "Texts as Mirrors, Morals and Mores" at the ETA Conference "Innovation." Claire has been teaching English Extension 2 since 2009 and her students have been successful in creative projects such as short stories and scripts for film and television. In her teaching practice Claire is intrepid, preferring to teach untried units of work that provide a high level of stimulation for students, occasionally involve content not usually associated with English such as needlecraft, and provide unexpected learning outcomes. Claire enjoys working with a wide range of students each with their own areas of focus and interest.

Catriona Arcamone is currently Head Teacher English at Fort Street High School. She has regularly taught Extension 2 English almost since its inception, and has been an Extension 2 marker for several years. Currently she is a Senior Marker for Extension 1 English. While a number of her students have been included in *Young Writers Showcase* over the years, 2014 saw three of her students' work represented in *Word Express Young Writers Showcase 14* for short story, poetry and script. She was a presenter at the NSW State Library Extension 2 Day in 2015.

Karen McEwen is Head of English at Masada College. She has taught English and marked the HSC for over 26 years. In that time she has been a Senior Marker and Supervisor of Marking as well as an advisor on HSC Advice Line. She has written HSC articles and materials for the Daily Telegraph, ETA and various publishers such as Science Press. She has presented lectures and workshops for various organisations throughout NSW addressing both students and teachers.

Meaghan Hird is a highly experienced teacher from Loretto, Kirribilli. Meaghan is passionate in her interest as to how the study of language and literature relates to who we are as thinkers. In her teaching Meaghan's aim is to devise thoughtful learning activities which promote critical and creative thinking, enabling young people to compose confident responses to English, including the composition of Major Works and Reflection Statements. Meaghan is an experienced marker of Extension 2 English.

Belinda Nunn is Dean of Curriculum at Pacific Hills Christian School. She has taught English for 25 years and has marked both the Standard and Advanced English courses. She has been an ETA presenter at *Inside HSC Marking* and previous *Introduction to Extension 2* events. Belinda has been involved in presenting teacher training workshops for both Stage 6 teachers and for the new K-10 English syllabus. Belinda has been teaching the Extension 2 course since 2002 and is passionate about helping students achieve excellence in their Major Works. She has experience mentoring students across a range of project types. Belinda has been marking the English Extension 2 course for several years and is currently a Senior Marker of Extension 2 English.

Louise Wakeling is a professional poet and editor who teaches at Baulkham Hills High in Sydney. She is a member of the performance groups, *DiVerse* and the *Harbour City Poets*, who frequently read their work at the State Library, the S. H. Irvin Gallery and the Sydney Writers' festival. One of her recent poems was included in Robert Adamson's anthology, *The Best Australian Poems of 2010*. After receiving a Premier's English Teaching Award in 2007, she travelled to the US to research the teaching of poetry, especially by poet-professors. She has published three poetry collections, her most recent collection being *Paragliding in a War Zone* (Puncher & Wattmann, (2009), concerning the connections between sport and war. She is currently working on a collection of ecopoetry. Louise has taught Extension 2 since 2002 and is a Senior Marker of Extension 2.

Helen McCarthy is English Coordinator at St Ursula's College, Kingsgrove. Helen has been marking the English Extension 2 course for several years and is currently a Senior Marker. She has been teaching the English Extension 2 course since 2004 and has mentored students across a variety of mediums. Helen has been involved in examination committees with both Bostes and CSSA . She has been a facilitator for HSC Trial Marking workshops in English and English Extension 1.

Narelle Nightscales is Head Teacher of English at Bonnyrigg High School in south western Sydney. She has taught English and Drama for 16 years and is an experienced HSC marker of Standard, Advanced and Extension 2 English. Narelle has been involved in presenting teacher training workshops for Extension 2 English in the Fairfield School Education Area (region) and has also trained teachers for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum in English. In collaboration with members of her faculty, Narelle has written a unit of work for the new prescriptions for HSC Extension 1 English, for the Department of Education's English Curriculum Support website. Narelle is currently working on an interest project in formative assessment, researching how its implementation and practice increases student learning outcomes. Narelle has been teaching the Extension 2 course since 2004, mentoring students across a range of mediums. She is particularly passionate about projects that require a performance aspect, such as Speeches, Performance Poetry and Video. Narelle has been marking the HSC Extension 2 course for 12 years and is currently a Senior Marker of Extension 2 and has had BOSTES involvement on examination committees.

Nicole Sabbadin is the Gifted and Talented Coordinator in the Senior School at Loreto Kirribilli. Nicole received her Masters in Educational Psychology from the University of South Australia, and is currently studying a Masters of Education at UNSW, specialising in Gifted Education. Nicole has taught in and led English Departments for many years, both in the United Kingdom and Sydney, Australia. Nicole has both taught and marked English Extension 2 for several years; marking a range of forms, including short stories, scripts, critical responses, performance poetry and speeches, and Nicole is now a Senior Marker for the subject. She is passionate about Extension 2 as a subject for it allows students to pursue a passion for language in an independent manner, and encourages creativity and critical reflection. Her past students have performed highly, with a recent Showcase addition in 2014.

Tony Britten has been a Senior Marker for HSC English Extension 2 and has presented to teachers and students on this course for AISNSW, ETANSW, the Children's Book Council of Australia and for the *Wordexpress* initiative hosted by the State Library of NSW. He was awarded a Premier's English Literature Scholarship to investigate how the teaching of creative writing at the tertiary level in the UK might inform the implementation of the English Extension 2 course. Tony has been a popular presenter at various HSC events throughout regional NSW including two very successful events at Southern Cross University for HSC teachers and students in 2016. He is delighted to have recently been appointed as a Storyteller with The Sydney Story Factory, where he delivers creative writing workshops. Tony has worked as a secondary English teacher, in arts education and as a freelance educator.