

2017 ETA HSC PAPER 1 STUDENT DAY PRESENTERS

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

PRESENTERS in order in which they appear on the program:

Karen Yager is the *Head of Student and Teacher Excellence* at Knox Grammar after a diverse career with NSW DoE schools. Karen is President of the ETA, and a former Supervisor of Marking for Module C after many years as a marker and senior marker for a range of HSC texts. Karen has contributed to many journals and professional publications and has been a presenter at State, National and International conferences. Karen is co-author of *Oxford HSC English* which won a national award. Karen is a Premier's Literary Scholarship winner and in 2013 the Singapore Ministry of Education awarded Karen their first ever International Teaching Fellowship. In 2014 Karen was awarded the prestigious APTA (Australian Professional Teachers' Association) for *Meritorious Contribution to the Profession Award*. Karen is the co-author of the year 12 text *Discovery HSC English*. Karen is the presenter on *Discovery, The Tempest* and *Metropolis/1984* for the ETA's online learning project in partnership with Edrolo. In September 2015 Karen was a key person in the International Da Vinci Decathlon in Europe.

Amy Hughes is the Acting Assistant Head of Curriculum (English) at Hills Grammar. A former commercial lawyer, Amy was awarded the Dean's Medal for Academic Excellence in her Masters of Teaching (Secondary) and is an experienced HSC teacher. As a member of the ETA publications committee, she has written material for mETaphor, including a lengthy article on Advanced Speeches, and co-authored the ETA Teachers' Resource on the poetry of Robert Frost. Amy is a popular presenter at ETA student and teacher forums and presents on behalf of the ETA in the Edrolo online lecture series. She is the co-author of HSC Checkpoints English Advanced and Standard published by Cambridge University Press. Amy is also a seasoned performance poet (best known for 'Animal Metaphors' on *YouTube*), appears regularly at the Bankstown Poetry Slam and has performed at various literary events, including the 2016 Sydney Writers' Festival.

Steve Henry is currently Head Teacher of English at Cherrybrook Technology High School and has taught senior English for the many years. Steve has been a Senior Marker in the Area of Study for the last eight years and has been involved in writing study guides and articles for the Sydney Morning Herald and the ETA. He has a love for creative and innovative writing. Steven is the presenter on *Richard III/Looking for Richard* for the ETA's online learning project in partnership with Edrolo.

Cassandra Kennedy is currently the relieving Deputy Principal at Barrenjoey High School on the Northern Beaches. Previously she was their Head Teacher of English and has taught senior English for many years. Cassandra is an experienced HSC marker in the Area of Study essay question and is now a Senior Marker. Recently she worked with the ETA to initiate the English Concepts Continuum in her local community of schools. In 2016, Cassandra presented for the ETA on the Module C text *Why Weren't We Told?* In her earlier career, she was also awarded the Regional Director's Beginning Teacher's Award.

Kerri-Jane Burke is Head Teacher of English at Moss Vale High, an Executive Officer of the ETA and Professional Development Committee member. She has contributed articles to several journals and publications, and led the Moss Vale Community of Schools writing project incorporating English Textual Concepts. Kerri-Jane is an experienced HSC marker and regularly presents at state and national conferences. Her interests include collaborative creative writing and promoting literacy through engaging texts, such as music videos. In August 2015, Kerri-Jane received the prestigious Premier's Teacher Scholarship to research her passion for Teacher and Student writing projects in the UK and is actively pursuing several writing opportunities for students, including a 'writer in residence' program. Find more teaching and learning strategies at <http://www.multimodalme.wordpress.com>

Peter Skrzynecki has published nineteen books of poetry and prose and has most recently been a very popular poet on the HSC for *Change*, *Journeys* and *Belonging*. Peter has won several literary prizes including the Grace Leven Poetry Prize and the Henry Lawson Short Story Award. In 1989 Peter was awarded the Order of Cultural Merit by the Polish government, and in 2002 he received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his contribution to multicultural literature. His memoir *The Sparrow Garden* was shortlisted for the National Biography Award. He is an adjunct associate professor in the School of Humanities and Communication Arts at the University of Western Sydney. A new memoir, *Appointment Northwest*, of life in a one-teacher school on the New England Tablelands in the 1960s has just been published by *Five Senses* Education. In 2016 Peter published a book a book of children's poetry with Five Senses called "The Rainbow-Birds and Other Poems", illustrated by his son.

Janice Raynor has been teaching English/ESL for the past 30 years. She has marked the HSC for 20 years and was a Senior Marker in Module B. Janice has also been a Judge and then Senior Judge for the HSC Standards. Janice teaches at Burwood Girls High where she has been involved in working with international students for the past 22 years. She has been a Presenter for HSC ESL course for ESLIN and ATESOL, since the ESL course was first proposed.

David Strange is a secondary English teacher who has taught across three educational systems (DoE, Independent, Catholic) in Sydney and the Illawarra including Killara High, International Grammar School and Holy Spirit College, Bellambi. David has twice served as Head of English and is an experienced HSC marker. He has published extensively with the ETA since 2001 on film, novels, poetry and Shakespeare.

Karen McEwen is Head of English at Masada College. She has taught English and marked the HSC for over 27 years. In that time, Karen 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. Karen has presented lectures and workshops for various organisations throughout NSW addressing both students and teachers. Karen is the presenter on the

Belonging series of videos for the ETA's online learning project in partnership with Edrolo and is a regular presenter at ETA HSC events.

Mel Dixon is the Resources Officer for the English Teachers Association, in charge of creating many of the ETA resources in use at schools. with the latest being 'Imaginative writing for Discovery.' Mel has taught for over 25 years, with ten years as a Head of English and has also been an HSC marker of various modules. Mel is a key person involved with the Conceptual framework for the English 7-10 syllabus and is a popular presenter in a range of HSC and teacher forums.

Prue Greene is currently the English 7-12 Advisor for the DoE. She is also the immediate past President of the NSW English Teachers' Association. Prue has a wide experience in presenting at HSC English forums especially in media and film. Previously Prue taught in western Sydney in a number of DET schools and been a HSC marker.

Alison Cardinale is a secondary English teacher who has taught in a range of Sydney schools including Scots College, Newington, and PLC. Alison is also an academic and lectures at the University of Sydney (CCE) and as a guest lecturer at the University of Notre Dame. Alison is currently teaching at Rosebank college while her PhD at ANU is under examination. Her specialty is Romanticism. In 2015 Alison delivered a paper on Samuel Taylor Coleridge to the *North American Society for the Study of Romanticism* Conference in Canada and in 2014 to the British Society for Literature and Science at Surrey University. Alison has presented widely on Coleridge, including to the Global Romanticism conference at the University of Sydney in 2013. She has a fascination with the link between literature and science and is a sessional academic at Sydney University in the Education Faculty teaching English Curriculum (2015) and the course *Jane Austen: Then and Now* (2014). Alison is the presenter on *The Short History of Nearly Everything* for the ETA's online learning project in partnership with Edrolo.