



DEVELOPING AN EFFECTIVE WRITING PROGRAM

Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey

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Mercure Hotel Brisbane from 8.30am to 3.30pm

In this practical workshop, Sheena and Louise will review the components of a balanced and engaging writing program at emergent, early and fluent levels. They will introduce a suggested lesson sequence, which aims to motivate and scaffold writers through the writing process allowing time for self and partner reflection. Participants will be introduced to a range of mini-lesson ideas and generic 'Quick Write' activities that can be used for different writing purposes across a range of levels.

This workshop will cover the following:

SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION

Guiding principles

- Gradual release of responsibility model
- Reading / writing links
- Overview of the Writing toolkits

The writing classroom

- Physical and emotional environment
- Supports for writing
- 'Think pair share' to engage all students
- Groups for writing

Planning for writing

- Authentic opportunities for writing
- Text types vs other writing forms

SESSION 2: THE SKILLS TOOLKIT

- Generating ideas for writing
- Organising ideas for writing
- Mini-lessons to teach specific skills

SESSION 3: THE WRITING LESSON

- The writing lesson
- Quick-writes
- Publishing

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\$200 plus GST

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(2 or more from the same school)
\$200 plus GST per person

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About Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey

Sheena Cameron is an experienced teacher who has taught in New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States. She has taught at primary, intermediate and tertiary levels. Sheena currently facilitates literacy workshops both in New Zealand and internationally and is the author of a number of books including *Teaching Reading Comprehension Strategies* (2009) and *The Writing Book* (with Louise Dempsey in 2013).

Louise Dempsey is an experienced teacher, consultant and trainer who has worked in New Zealand and the United Kingdom. She facilitates literacy training and professional learning in New Zealand and Australia and has completed a range of writing projects for New Zealand and English publishers, including the Department of Education in New Zealand.



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