



Teaching writing: a professional learning workshop series for beginning teachers

with Sheena Cameron & Louise Dempsey

Are you a beginning teacher?

Join us to meet and learn alongside other early-career teachers.

This comprehensive series of workshops is practical and research based and will support you to plan a manageable and effective writing programme. It is suitable for New Zealand and Australian teachers in their first or second year of teaching and aligns with the New Zealand and Australian curriculums.



Learning will be differentiated at two levels:

New Zealand teachers: New entrants — Year 3 (juniors) and Years 4–8 (seniors)

Format

The programme will run on the Zoom platform and consist of a combination of five live online workshops and three pre-recorded on-demand workshops over a period of 12 weeks. You will join Sheena and Louise for the live sessions that are available at two different times and watch the on-demand workshops at your leisure. Live online workshops will provide opportunities to interact with Sheena and Louise and other teachers through breakout room discussions and the chat facility. The programme will commence on Thursday 1 June 2023 and finish on Thursday 10 August 2023.

You will receive a downloadable learning log to document your learning and record your goals, reflections and actions. At the end of the programme, you will receive a certificate showing the hours of professional learning you have attended. This can be used as evidence for teacher registration.

Facilitator profiles



Sheena Cameron MNZM

Sheena 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. In 2021, Sheena was appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to education.

Louise Dempsey

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

Sheena and Louise have extensive experience working with beginning teachers and both currently provide literacy training in the beginning teacher programme at the Kohia Centre at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. They have co-authored four books; *The Writing Book* (2013), *The Oral Language Book* (2016), *The Reading Book* (2019) and *The Poetry Book* (2022).

Overview of workshops

Dates and times	Workshop topics
Thursday, 1 June Two times available: 3.30–5.30pm OR 6–8pm	Live online workshop 1 An introduction to writing How do students learn to write? What skills do we need to teach them? An overview of the common text types for writing
Watch between 2 June and 14 June 30-minute workshop	On-demand workshop A Generating ideas for writing
Thursday, 15 June Two times available: 3.30–5pm OR 6–7.30pm	Live online workshop 2 Effective teaching strategies Talk for writing An overview of the writing lesson The lesson introduction
Thursday, 20 July Two times available: 3.30–5pm OR 6–7.30pm	Live online workshop 3 Independent writing Reviewing writing
Watch between 21 July 26 July 1 hour workshop	On-demand workshop B Celebrating and reviewing writing
Thursday, 27 July Two times available: 3.30–5pm OR 6–7.30pm	Live online workshop 4 Explicitly teach the skills for writing using Mini-lessons Planning and teaching Quick Writes
Watch between 28 July - 7 August 1 hour workshop	On-demand workshop C Organising ideas for writing
Tuesday, 8 August Two times available: 3.30–4.30 OR 6–7.00pm	Live online workshop 5 for junior teachers Reviewing the writing lesson
Thursday, 10 August Two times available: 3.30–4.30 OR 6–7.00pm	Live online workshop 5 for senior teachers Reviewing the writing lesson

Fees:

\$600 incl. GST per teacher

Early bird available until 13 May: **\$550 incl. GST** per teacher

Three or more teachers from one school: **\$500 incl. GST** per teacher

To register, visit our [website](#)