

International AAA Professional Development Conference

Poetry: exploring inner worlds



POETRY IN THE CURRICULUM

Poetry is an ideal medium for addressing the 4 main objectives of the NSW English Curriculum, to enable students to:

- Communicate through speaking, listening, reading, writing, viewing and representing
- Use language to shape & make meaning according to purpose, audience & subject matter
- Think in ways that are imaginative, creative, interpretive and critical
- Express themselves & their relationships with others & their world

Selection of poetic texts meets the criteria of:

- Quality texts
- Intercultural experiences
- Insights into indigenous experiences
- Differing viewpoints

Using an excellent anthology, poems can be easily incorporated into any unit of work. The compact precise use of language means they are perfect model texts for both reading and writing.

At the micro level of learning, poems and lyrical picture books are as valuable as any scheme book, passage or worksheet text to develop many skills, including:

- Interpreting language
- Finding the main idea
- Inferencing
- Developing vocabulary
- Writing using language devices
- Reading for close study of language devices
- Grammar in use

Poetry writing workshops by some of our presenters will provide teachers with the knowledge, skill and confidence to enhance student learning. They can be used **in classrooms with students** for the duration the conference is online. Practical written resources to support teachers will be available for download by attendees in conjunction with each session.

Session 1: KEYNOTE & FOUNDATIONAL

The Poetry-Friendly Classroom: immersion is the key!

Responding to Poetry in the Primary Classroom through Talk

General Poetry Resources

Poster: A-Z of Poets

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Annotated List of Anthologies

Session 2: Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds

Resources and Teaching ideas to Celebrate Book Week in 2021

Quality Literature 2020

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Session 3: Lyrical Language

Lyrical Language in Picture Books - Mentor Texts

Sophie Masson: School Magazine worksheets

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Session 4: Verse Novels

Poster: Middle Grade Verse Novels

Poster: Young Adult Verse Novels

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Session 5: Performance Poetry

Give Voice to Poetry - performance suggestions

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So, Poetry can help your school improve literacy outcomes... Whilst engaging students!