



SCHOOLS PROGRAMS GUIDE  
2024



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# STORY STUDIOS AUSTRALIA

## SCHOOLS PROGRAMS 2024

### OVERVIEW

Story Studios Australia (formerly Melbourne Young Writers' Studio) offers immersive, inspiring and enriching primary and secondary programs; ideal for high achievers in need of a challenge such as those in VHAP and extension programs, and the perfect spark for those in need of extra encouragement.

Schools can choose from the programs outlined or speak with us to tailor a program suited to their needs. Programs range from half-day and full-day workshops to multi-day or full term programs, and can be run as excursions to our beautiful Carlton studio, as in school incursions, and as online programs.

Exploration is at the heart of Story Studios programs, which are designed to take young writers on a fun and illuminating journey into the craft of story. Young writers will write their own fiction stories under the guidance of practising writers, and gain invaluable knowledge, tools and skills applicable to creative writing as well as their own personal journeys.







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## PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMS, 2024

### MYTHS, MORALS AND MONSTERS

From the peaks of Olympus to the depths of Atlantis, the glory of Asgard to the fires of Hades, the citizens of Earth are subject to the whim of the gods. They're benevolent, they're bonkers, they're jealous, they're juvenile. Young writers are invited to forge their own gods, goddesses, titans and demons throughout this workshop of larger than life character creation. What forces of nature do they represent? Whom do they serve? Who are friends and who are foes?

Developed to suit grades 3-6 and tailorable for all year levels above, this program is the perfect way to strengthen students' narrative writing skills in a fun and engaging way. Students will learn about crafting complex characters, explore morals and themes in myths and stories and deciphering the meaning they contain, and come away with interests piqued and imaginations roaring.

Can be run as a half-day or full-day program, or can run over a full term. ALSO AVAILABLE AS AN ONLINE PROGRAM

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### THE DETECTIVE'S JOURNAL

A detective has vanished, and the only trace remaining is their journal. Now it's up to the characters developed by young writers in this workshop to find the missing detective and solve the case they were working on.

A perfect accompaniment to grade 3-6 curriculum that will engage students and capture their imaginations.

Young writers will delve into the elements of a mystery story, learning about suspects to develop complex characters, exploring twists and turns with clues and red herrings, and strengthening their descriptive writing skills by immersing themselves in the atmosphere of the small town setting of the mystery.

Can the young investigators decipher the detective's journal and solve the mystery, or will its secrets stay hidden in its pages?

Ideally run as a full-day program, or can run over a full term.

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### FORGOTTEN WORLDS

A program brimming with adventure and mystery, Forgotten Worlds will set students off on a journey into mysterious, beautiful and sometimes dangerous places where ancient ruins that hold clues of lost civilisations lie waiting to be discovered.

This program will awaken imaginations as well as long forgotten creatures, ideas and technologies.

Students will explore not only their own unique worlds and settings, but explore themes as they relate to their characters' journeys and arcs. This program is a beautiful opportunity to unpack the connection between characters and the worlds they inhabit - the reflections and the relationships that exist in fiction and real life.

Developed to suit grades 3-6 and tailorable for all year levels above, this program contains elements that will complement all curriculum with the flexibility to extend the skills and knowledge of all young writers.

Can be run as a half day or full-day program, or can run over a full term. ALSO AVAILABLE AS AN ONLINE PROGRAM

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## THE STORY LABYRINTH

The Story Labyrinth is an immersive program that complements grade 3-6 curriculum. It is aimed at inspiring young writers to write with their senses and plot journeys full of twists and turns.

Brave young explorers will lose themselves and find themselves among ancient ruins that lie in old, forgotten parts of forests. There are said to be gateways into the realm of the faeries, if they can be navigated.

Exploring the labyrinth, young writers will find clues about the world beyond, write stories of the creatures that live there, and spread new folklore tales. The labyrinth is not without danger though, as many explorers have lost themselves forever, but if the young writers can solve its riddles, mysteries, and secrets, they may find themselves in a realm beyond anything they ever could have imagined.

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## FAN-TASTIC FICTION!

An exciting chance to dive into existing worlds, meet intriguing characters and well-known conflict, and craft your own FAN-tastic tales.

As part of this journey, students have the chance to get their stories published in a rich digital collection of original fantastic fiction!

Suited to grades 3-6 and tailorable for older year levels, this program is an ideal opportunity for students to get excited about narrative writing and develop stories for publication. An ideal vehicle for equipping students with fundamental story-craft skills.

Ideally run as a term based program.  
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## FRANKENSTORIES ALIVE!

During this 1.5 hour workshop, schools will work with a Story Studios mentor on starting a new creative story writing project. As a part of the program, schools will receive a 6-month subscription to Frankenstories Pro – a creative writing game designed to engage students and develop advanced writing skills.

Mentors will use the game throughout the session with prompts tailored to the school curriculum and year level, guiding teachers and students through a fun, gamified journey into creative story writing!

Cost: \$440 including gst

The 1.5 hour program is for classes of up to 30 students and there is 1 free 6 month subscription available per school. If you would like to book additional classes in, subscription costs (\$90 per licence per year) will be included.

Frankenstories Alive! with Melbourne Young Writers' Studio runs online via zoom. To book, head straight to:

<https://www.mywritersstudio.com.au/program/frankenstories-alive-with-melbourne-young-writers-studio/>





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## SECONDARY SCHOOL PROGRAMS, 2024

### SCREENWRITING FOR TEENS

Discover the thrill of writing scripts for film and TV; from the fundamentals of crafting a large scale story to suit the screen, to the tools and techniques required to bring your concept to life. This program is guaranteed to captivate and intrigue, as we draw upon examples from movies and shows teens will be familiar with and apply what we cover to our own screenplays.

Screenwriting for Teens will give secondary students industry insight into the way stories are transferred from page to screen and challenge them to learn a new storytelling craft.

Complements curriculum for years 7-12, with overlap between english, media and literature, exploring dialogue, structure, and the character conflicts and arcs that underpin story plot and texture, as well as crafting large scale stories for the medium of screen.

Can be run as a half day or full-day program, or can run over a full term. AVAILABLE AS AN ONLINE PROGRAM

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## PLAY WRITING FOR TEENS

In this theatre orientated program, we will draw back the curtains and delve into the art of writing for the stage. Through the conception and construction of original theatrical ideas, built around key locations and contained casts, young writers will unpack script principles (action, dialogue, character) and explore the intersection with dramatic elements and theatrical conventions.

By the end of the program, students should come away with a completed script (outcomes may vary depending on length of program booked) that will be performable by drama classes and theatre groups alike.

An excellent opportunity for english students and drama students alike to build advanced writing techniques, take an in-depth look at complex characters, and learn a new storytelling craft.

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### TRAMLINE OF TERROR - NEXT STOP

In this thrilling, noir inspired program, teens will write tales from an alternate Melbourne and have them published in Tramline of Terror - Next Stop, a slick anthology tailored to each school.

Complementing year 7 - 10 curriculum, this program takes an in depth look at complex characters, darker themes and advanced narrative techniques and genres.

This is a Term based program that requires a minimum of 3 x 3 hour in person workshops and time in between for feedback and editing in order for pieces to be publishing ready. We suggest weekly workshops over the course of a term for best outcomes and value.

Copies of the anthology can be published as part of the program.

Ideally run over a full term if writing for publication.

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### TEEN DYSTOPIA

Teens will take a deep, dark dive into advanced themes, high concepts and societal conflicts in this exciting dystopian themed secondary school program.

A great opportunity for classrooms and cohorts to enhance their story-writing skills and techniques via a rich and exciting genre-based creative writing experience.

Drawing on references from well-known literature and film, Teen Dystopia will explore both timeless and topical talking points inherent in the dystopian genre, giving teens the chance to practice bringing complexity, nuance and subtlety into their craft.

A sure favourite amongst teens, this program is highly tailorable and the perfect treat for groups of all shapes and sizes.

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## STORY STUDIOS AUSTRALIA PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES, 2024

In addition to the Primary and Secondary Programs listed above, schools have the opportunity to be involved in a special Melbourne Young Writers' Studio publication each year.

Our schools anthology, published at the end of the year, contains approximately 100 stories written and edited by students across four schools - one class (roughly 25 students) per school.

To be involved in the high quality publication, classes will undertake a term-based program, consisting on a 1 - 5 hour workshop each week for the term, and go through the process of taking a story all the way from concept through to editing and publication. This term based program can take place any term between Terms 1 and 3.

Available as an in person and online program done via Zoom.

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# STORY STUDIOS AUSTRALIA SCHOOLS PROGRAMS, 2024 ENRICHMENT PD ADD-ON

## TEACHER PD ENRICHMENT ADD-ON

An opportunity for teachers to enrich their classrooms with story magic, our teacher PD Enrichment Add-On is available to schools who book into any of our schools programs.

Have an expert story mentor out to your school, bring your team to our gorgeous Carlton studio, or have us for an online session that will equip teachers with the skills and knowhow to continue guiding students on their story-writing journeys in and beyond the classroom.

With a focus on exploring the self for inspiration, our enrichment PD add on will inspire passion and creativity in teachers and provide practical tools that will enable teachers to extend the imagination and ingenuity of their students.

\$500+ gst for a 2 hour PD session.







# STORY STUDIOS AUSTRALIA SCHOOLS PROGRAMS, 2024 QUOTES & CONTACT

For quotes or to discuss tailoring a program to your school's needs, please contact:

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We look forward to bringing the story magic to your school either in person or online, or to having you along to our beautiful Carlton studio soon!

