

Linking with the Australian Curriculum (English, Foundation to Year 10)

One of the key ideas in the learning area of English is **the appreciation of literature**. Visiting authors/illustrators can help teachers and students develop this understanding, along with many other skills related to Communication processes and Literacy.

Structure - Strands and Sub-strands

Literature

Author/illustrator visits link particularly well to the following sub-strands:

Responding to literature

- ✓ Personal responses to the ideas, characters and viewpoints in texts
- ✓ Expressing preferences and evaluating texts

Examining literature

- ✓ Features of literary texts
- ✓ Language devices in literary texts

Creating literature

- ✓ Creating literary texts
- ✓ Experimentation and adaptation

Language

Author/illustrator visits can link well to the following sub-strands:

Text structure and organisation

- ✓ Purpose audience and structures of different types of texts
- ✓ Text cohesion
- ✓ Punctuation
- ✓ Concepts of print and screen

Expressing and developing ideas

- ✓ Sentences and clause level grammar
- ✓ Word level grammar
- ✓ Visual language
- ✓ Vocabulary
- ✓ Spelling

Phonics and word knowledge

(Picture books & Poetry. Usually in the younger years)

- ✓ Phonological and phonemic awareness
- ✓ Alphabet and phonic knowledge
- ✓ Spelling

Literacy

Author/illustrator visits can link to this strand and provide educators with a helpful springboard to consolidate the following sub-strands:

Texts in context

- ✓ Texts and the contexts in which they are used

Interacting with others

- ✓ Listening and speaking interactions (purposes and contexts)
- ✓ Listening and speaking interactions (skills)
- ✓ Oral presentations

Interpreting, analysing and evaluating

- ✓ Purpose and audience
- ✓ Reading processes
- ✓ Comprehension strategies
- ✓ Analysing and evaluating texts

Creating texts

- ✓ Creating texts
- ✓ Editing
- ✓ Handwriting
- ✓ Use of software

Source: Australian Curriculum, English:
<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/english/rationale>

Author/illustrator visits cross multiple areas of the Australian Curriculum (English). However, speakers cannot cover all areas in a single session. Please let speakers know if you require a specific focus in a particular area. Author/illustrator visits also motivate students and provide excellent opportunities for educators to develop explicit programs through meaningful lead-up and follow-up learning experiences.

To book an author or illustrator for your school visit Authors & Illustrators in South Australian Schools: www.authorsandillustratorssa.com