



circle of friends

creative**WRITING**

*Creative writing is communication through revelation – it is the Self
escaping into the open. EB White*



Introduction

Circle of Friends is lead by Jen Storer. Jen is a Melbourne based children's author who has been publishing with Penguin Australia for almost a decade. She has written illustrated chapter books and novels.

Her most recent release, a gothic fantasy novel entitled, *Tensy Farlow and the Home for Mislaid Children*, was shortlisted for a string of awards including the Prime Minister's Literary Awards (Best Children's Fiction) and the Children's Book Council of Australia, Book of the Year.

Her new novel, *The Accidental Princess*, is due for release in August 2011. Prior to becoming a full-time writer, Jen worked in the publishing industry as an editor, a project manager and in creative development. She has a first-class honours degree in Literature.





About circle of friends

Circle of Friends courses are held once a week for four weeks. The Thornbury class is held on Sunday afternoon. The Abbotsford Convent class is held on Thursday mornings.

Classes are kept small so that individual attention can be given and to allow everyone the opportunity to discuss her work and her discoveries.

All course materials are provided (including course notes). Coffee and tea also provided.

Course materials include notes on all practical and theoretical aspects that we cover. Students are gently encouraged to investigate all their talents.

Remember: Just bring yourself and your ideas. Looking forward to meeting you!



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Course Outline

Each week we do a number of exercises. Some are directly related to writing, others are more about limbering up your creativity. Every week there is also a small (and enjoyable) amount of homework. The course is designed to help you gather some momentum and develop confidence in your ability to lead a Writing Life.

Week One: Everyone is Creative

- Accessing the Creative Flow
- Making peace with your Inner Critic
- Giving yourself Writing Time
- The importance of play
- Let's make a mess

Week Two: It's All in The Detail

- Understanding the Word-World
 - What makes great writing so great – and can I do it, too?
 - Introduction and discussion of useful Literary Devices
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Week Three: For the Love of Drama

- Meeting your characters
- Developing your characters
- Bossing your characters around
- Listening to your characters

Week Four: Trusting the Process

- Plot your story or plant your story? Discovering what works best for you
- Where to from here?
- Trusting the Creative Flow
- Reflections on the past four weeks...

Course Venues

LOCATIONS

ADDRESS

Abbotsford Convent
Mother Superiors Chamber

Windmill Studios
(above 'From Scratch Cafe')

1 St Heliers Street,
ABBOTSFORD

717a High Street
THORNBURY

GETTING THERE

BY CAR



Off-street parking available in St Heliers Street (\$4)

Off-street parking available in Clarendon Street (see map)

BY TRAIN



Closest station **Victoria Park** (Epping Line)

Closest station **Thornbury** (Epping Line)

BY TRAM/BUS (from City)

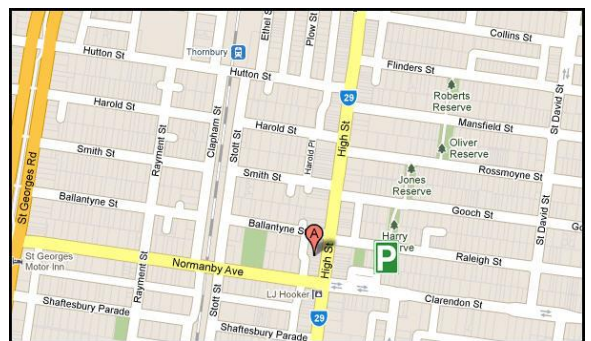


Bus **200** City to Doncaster Shoppingtown/ Bulleen - Clarke Street bus stop

86 Bundoora Tram to Stop #38-Normanby Ave/High St



Abbotsford Convent



Windmill Studios



Course Details 2011

Circle of Friends Courses		
Location	Abbotsford Convent	Thornbury Windmill Studios
Times	11am - 1pm	1pm - 3pm
Day	Thursdays	Sundays
Duration	Four weeks	Four weeks

Cost: \$420.00 (includes GST)
\$380.00 concession (includes GST)

To **secure** your place or for **starting dates**:

email - cofbookings@jenstorer.com
telephone (03) 94190859

Please note, payment will be required following confirmation from **circle of friends** and **prior to course commencement**.



How to pay

By Bank Deposit or On-line:

Commonwealth Bank
Account: J.E. Storer
A/C No: 10201415
BSB: 063307

By Mail (cheque or money order):

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C/- C2 Studio 54
Abbotsford Convent
1 St Heliers Street
ABBOTSFORD VIC
3067

NB: Please include your name and course date in payment description with Bank Deposit or on back of cheque when mailing.

Terms and Conditions

If you cannot attend the course you have booked into, please advise at least one week before the course start date.

Once the course has commenced, there are no refunds in the event you are unable to attend. However make-up classes in subsequent courses will be available.

All enrolled students are automatically included on the **circle of friends** mailing list which informs people about upcoming courses and events. Should you wish to unsubscribe from this service please advise us in writing.

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Thank you !



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