



# WebCaTS

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WebCaTS stands for Web-based learning for Creative and Talented Students. We love to nurture talents and challenge minds and it doesn't matter if sometimes our teachers and students are hundreds of kilometres apart. Our programs are a mix of hands-on workshops, interactive webinars and online communication. We use a web-based platform to engage with, inform and work alongside students ... and the results we have seen are amazing.

Judith Radin Director / Teacher

By the end of the *Create a Picture Book Program* each student is a published author with a list of achieved outcomes - measured against Australian Curriculum standards.

Follow-up surveys of participating students and their regular teachers also reported:

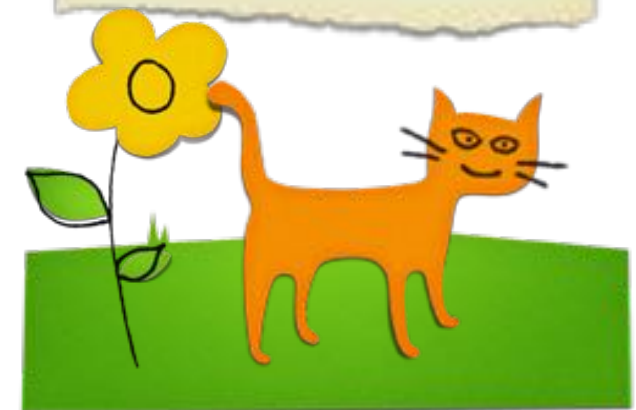
- increased self-confidence - 100% of students
- increased creativity - most students
- increased motivation & engagement - most students
- increased task commitment - most students



**KIDS BECOME AUTHORS**

in the

**CREATE A  
PICTURE BOOK  
PROGRAM**





### What did students enjoy most?

- "The new friends!!!"
- "I enjoyed getting the book published."
- "Being able to talk to each other."
- "I enjoyed learning about how to give your illustrations character and I also enjoyed how rewarding it was to see my finished book."
- "Everything!"

The first *Create a Picture Book Programs* were conducted between 2015 and 2017 with thirty-eight students from ten public schools on the NSW Far South Coast. Most of the students had never attempted a project of this scale, nor written a book before, so we were starting from scratch. The primary school students each set out to create and publish a twenty-page picture book.

Over one term, the students were closely guided through every step of writing and illustrating their own, original stories. The weekly webinars, school visits and emails were fun and provided the kind of one-on-one support and direction that very capable students can sometimes miss out on in a mixed-ability classroom.



The books were beautifully printed in dazzling colours & presented to each student by the Mayor at our official Book Launch.

The students proudly read their books aloud to an impressed audience. All the books can be viewed (and purchased) online in the Webcats Book Shop: [www.webcats.org](http://www.webcats.org)

Each student also received a Certificate of Achievement and academic report showing how well they performed in each of the nine outcomes from the new Australian Curriculum.

### DON'T MISS OUT - REGISTER NOW!

Registrations are now open for the Create a Picture Book Program for Term 2, 2018. For Stage 3 students only.

Classes are capped at 15 students. Workshop dates and webinar times will be finalised once all registrations are in.

To register and for more information go to [www.webcats.org](http://www.webcats.org) and select 'School Registrations' from the menu.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Over ten weeks you will draft, edit, illustrate and publish your own picture book. Here's how it happens:

### WEEK 1 WRITING WORKSHOP

A specialist G & T teacher will explain the basics of composing a picture book story and get your writing off to a flying start. You will also have a demo webinar session.

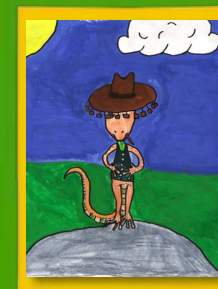
### WEEK 2 ART WORKSHOP

A specialist art teacher will help you explore a range of materials and techniques to use in your illustrations. Then plan your text and picture layout in a storyboard.

### WEEKS 3 - 9 WEBINARS & SCHOOL VISITS

Each week you will participate in a webinar session or get some guidance from your WebCaTS art teacher.

### WEEK 5 EDITING & ART PLACEMENT



The first half of your story and your scanned images will be placed into the publishing software.

### WEEK 10 FINAL WORKSHOP

Final polishing of all illustrations, scanning and placing into the editing software. Last minute changes, additions and triple checking for errors.

### WEEKS 11 - 15

Final editing, printing and then OUR BOOK LAUNCH!