



Testimonials - University of Technology Sydney Undergrad. & Postgrad. Writing Students

Melissa is a fantastic tutor and she offers constructive criticism and is completely honest.

The feedback was always really good and helped me a lot. The detail in the feedback as well as the consideration in how it was given was fantastic.

The group found itself comfortable enough to workshop with confidence and humour.

Was very inspiring, motivated me to write more.

What I particularly liked about this subject [Writing – Style & Structure] is the way it motivated me to write, challenging my views of and approach to constructing and responding to texts.

Melissa is a very good tutorial leader, very organized and she made the class lively and interesting. The content of the subject is innovative and thought provoking as well as challenging.

Melissa is a very encouraging and supportive tutor.

I feel comfortable enough to experiment with my style of writing so that I can find my voice.

It was very inspiring and gave me a lot of motivation to keep going. Melissa was wonderful and supportive.

I liked how the teacher strongly encouraged trust and honesty in class. I felt comfortable during work-shopping.

Melissa is very thorough and particular in her feedback and also quite positive which is good.

Melissa is a brilliant tutor who is able to provide key advice to better improve and not change our writing style. She doesn't attack our choice of content but rather discusses the ways in which we choose to present it. She is an incredibly supportive tutor.

The subject improved when Melissa Bruce took over. She was excellent.

I wanted to say thank you very much for your tutoring and for your comments about my work. You understood exactly where I was at... You did a great job with our class. I come from a family of teachers so I know teachers don't always know how they are doing, because often students don't think to tell them. It must be such a challenging subject to tutor – creative writing, all those postgraduate women with their personal stories... (And when you are juggling your own novel too – which, I imagine, requires a great deal of mental and physical space and energy...) Anyway, you did a great job with all the different personalities in our class, and I feel I have come away from the class having learnt a great deal about what it is to write, and also – something I was very unsure of initially – how to talk about writing.

I've always loved stories and literature but it has taken me a while to come back to it. I'm glad I did.

You were so encouraging and cheerful and you so obviously enjoy writing and talking about writing and books and stories. But you also provided clear direction in our discussions and constructive criticisms, which I appreciated.