

# Justine Sless

*Author • Comedian*  
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Justine has taught, researched, produced, and performed stand-up comedy since 2007. She has performed and taught comedy to a diverse range of clients, nationally and internationally. Justine's writing has appeared in Jewish Women of Words, Funny Women, in short story anthologies and academic journals, and her MA thesis *Mistress of Mirth's COMEDY Tour* was published as a book by Australian Scholarly Publishing.

Justine teaches comedy workshops and creative writing to adults and children. She is also a highly skilled community development worker, with over 20 years experience working in some of the most disadvantaged communities in Melbourne. She combines her practice as a community development worker, and comedian teaching comedy, with tools and techniques that empower, and utilise the power of comedy as a tool for social change.

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## **Comedy Writing Workshop – Written & Performance**

### **Year levels: Grade 4 – Year 12**

- Understand what makes us laugh and why
- Learn three basics of joke writing techniques
- Watch/deconstruct three you tube clips of diverse comedians andwriters
- Write and or perform jokes and short stories using joke writing techniques

### **Requirements – Duration – Class Sizes**

- Some written work is required from students; this can be done as individuals or in small groups.
- Suggested class size: up to 60 students
- Suggested time: 90 minutes for comedy writing workshop with performance outcome  
Please note that large class sizes will limit opportunity for all students to perform

### **Outcomes**

- Learn and apply two to three simple joke writing techniques and/or write a short story with a funny outcome
- Learn and apply basic performance techniques(Comedy Writing with a Performance Outcome)
- Participants learn how to manage fear, performance techniques that can enhance confidence and a sense of wellbeing, and an understanding of how to own a space and engage an audience.

### **Technical requirements**

Projector with audio visual; Whiteboard, whiteboard markers

For workshop with performance, microphone with stand and amp (facilitator can provide on request)



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# Justine Sless Feedback

“I work for Hobsons Bay Library. We invited Justine to lead a comedy workshop for kids. She was awesome, the kids LOVED her session and she was obviously super experienced. I was impressed by Justine's ability to adapt to the energy and ability of the people in the room. Even the most shy kids were up the front, using the microphone by the end of the session. That kind of transformation in such a short amount of time is really rare, and it's all because of Justine's presence and expertise. Thanks Ms Sless!”

*Laura Lethlean Hobson's Bay Library 2022*

“Justine delivered a workshop for us at Ascolta Women Write. It was a terrific way to spend a couple of weekend hours finessing writing funny. Justine is highly skilled and knows her craft in facilitating and offering constructive ideas to rework pieces to elicit audience engagement and humour!”

*Elena Callipari Ascolta Women's Write Group 2022*

“As somebody petrified of speaking in public, I found the comedy performance exhilarating and fantastic for my personal growth.”

*Participant Find the Funny Workshops VOSS 2021*

“Find the Funny Comedy Workshops were professional and skilfully presented. Our attendees found the experience empowering, informative and fun.”

*CEO Roarhouse 2020*



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