Writing the FUTURE >>

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Dr Kaye Lowe, a respected PETAA author and presenter, has written a book for today’s teachers who teach our writers of the future. ‘Writing, in particular, is a way of externalising thought and for that reason will continue to be important’ writes Lowe in her comprehensive introduction. ‘Today … we write more than we have ever done before in history’.

Writing the future presents the challenges for teachers: writing has changed, curriculum is changing, students are changing and the audience for writing is changing. Within this context of continuous change, writing is celebrated as a process that is, and has always been, a vehicle for developing the skills that connect us.

PART 1 Writing and the 21st century

PART 2 Writers develop creative skills ... as they innovate and make meaning

PART 3 Writers develop critical thinking skills ... as they problem solve

PART 4 Writers develop communication skills ... and a writer’s voice

PART 5 Writers develop social skills ... in a writing community

PART 6 Writers develop personal skills ... as they come to know themselves through writing

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