



**Karen Eastwood of Story Spot and Alex Wegner of Sketch it Live, combine talents to offer unique workshops to upper primary students.**

We are very excited about our **GIFTS FROM THE GODS** program that takes the concept of Greek Mythology and places it in the context of personal storytelling. Our aim is to provide an opportunity for students to identify, explore and celebrate their personal strengths through the use of story making inspired by Greek Mythology.

Now, more than ever, students need to build a clear and positive picture of themselves and the way they fit into the world. We believe that by exploring their own strengths through story making **students gain greater self confidence, clearer self-expression and increased resilience.** Students also develop an awareness of other's diversity which increases understanding and connection.



## Testimonials

"I would highly recommend this program, as it caters for all students. Even the most reluctant of writers can't help but get swept up in the mythology and create their own story maps of worlds where they conquer the beast. Thank you, Alex and Karen, for the gifts you Goddesses bestowed upon us."  
Jess Bowman, year 6 teacher Tighes Hill PS

### Student Testimonials:

"Karen and Alex made a happy environment so that everybody could talk about their strengths and it helped to explore our own."

"It really gives you the eagerness to learn more Greek mythology."

"The stories inspired me."

"Exploring my strengths and realising how important they are helped me a lot."

"It felt easy, fun and imaginative also humorous, thanks!"

## Costs

\$375

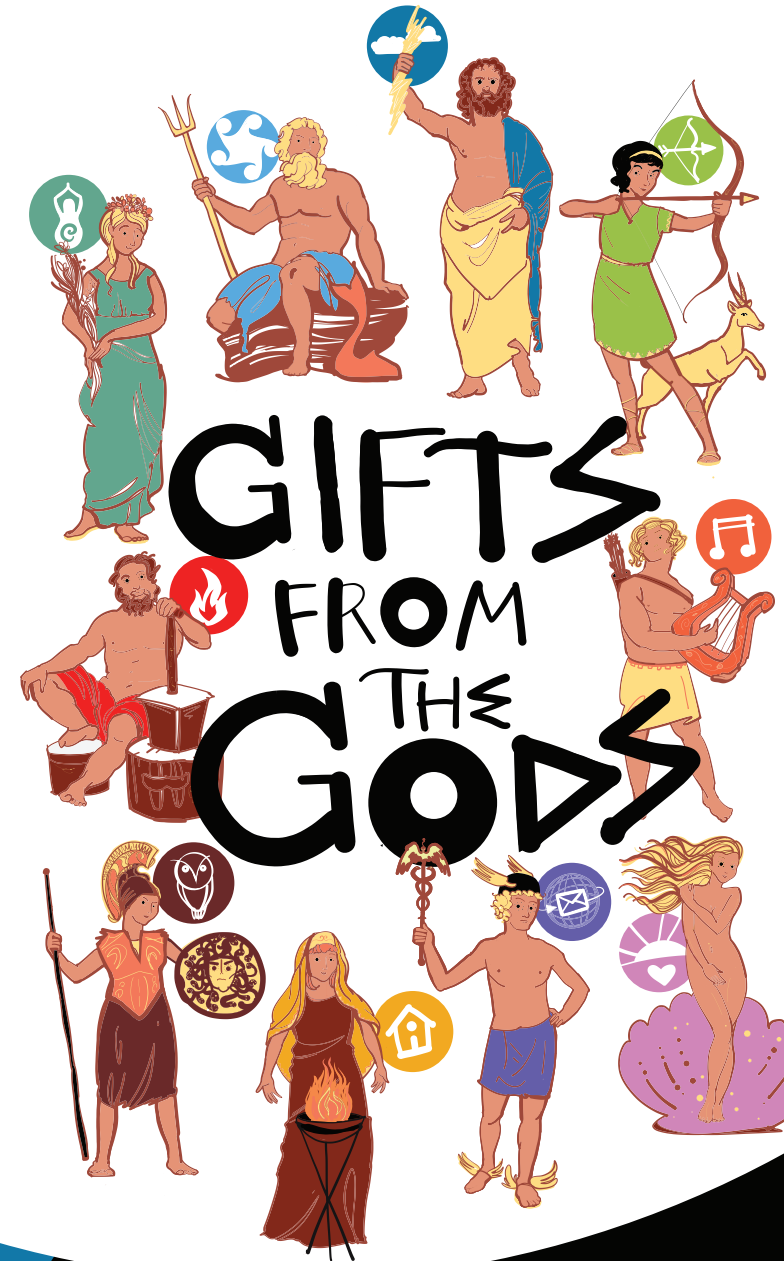
90 minute session  
up to 30 students

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**RESILIENCE  
THROUGH PERSONAL  
STORYTELLING**

## How is the GIFTS FROM THE GODS compatible with the English syllabus?

Our program addresses these NESA English Syllabus Stage 3 Outcomes and Objectives:

### Speaking and Listening

Students will be involved in individual, pair and group activities that will develop their speaking and listening skills.

Students will benefit from listening to Karen's telling of Greek myths.

Students are encouraged to consider ways in which they can share their stories.

### Thinking Imaginatively, Creatively, Interpretively and Critically

Through analysis of a Greek myth students will be taught to structure their own story and incorporate elements such as the hero's/ heroine's challenge, motivation and use of metaphor.

Through preparatory discussion and activities and by writing their own myths, students will engage personally with the characters and themes of Greek Mythology.

### Expressing themselves

Students are encouraged to explore, discuss and write about their strengths and values, then express these creatively in their own personal myth.



THE GIFTS FROM THE GODS program supports the increasing focus on positive education in the classroom.



### Stage 3 PDHPE outcomes:

#### A student:

- refers to a sense of their own worth and dignity
- respects the right of others to hold different values and attitudes from their own
- enjoys a sense of belonging
- commits to realising their full potential.

Our program also addresses a number of the priorities listed in the NESA 'Learning Across the Curriculum' outline. These include:

- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Intercultural Understanding
- Literacy
- Personal and Social Capability
- Difference and Diversity.



THE GIFTS FROM THE GODS program includes all the VARK learning modalities.

- Visual
- Aural
- Reading and Writing
- Kinaesthetic

Students will experience the traditional art of storytelling, be involved in role play, sketchnoting and writing.

### Why book this 90 minute program?

Students will gain an appreciation of the key Olympian gods and goddesses.

Students will benefit from listening to a story being told not read.

Students will have the opportunity to define and celebrate their own personal strengths.

Students will learn about sketchnoting.

Students will enjoy a variety of learning modalities.

Students will have storyboarded an original hero myth ready for drafting.

Teachers will enjoy observing and participating as a form of professional development.