

STELLA GOES TO SCHOOL

The Stella Prize Schools Program launches in NSW

READING HABITS: Join us for a very special free event to celebrate the launch of the Stella Prize Schools Program in NSW. Authors Randa Abdel-Fattah, JC Burke, Erin Gough and Emily Maguire will discuss the ways unconscious bias affected their teenage reading habits, and how their books seek to address contemporary issues around gender and diversity. The panel will be moderated by Stella Prize Schools Coordinator Bec Kavanagh, and followed by book signings and refreshments.

Where: Sydney Story Factory, 176 Redfern Street, Redfern NSW 2016

When: 5:30–7:30pm, Wednesday 9 September

Cost: Free

RSVP: schools@thestellaprize.com.au

About the Stella Prize Schools Program

Nearly 70% of all prescribed texts for HSC English in NSW are by male authors. Fewer than 14% are by Australian women. Moreover, Australian women writers are underrepresented in the review pages of our newspapers and as literary prizewinners. Whose voices and stories are informing the next generation? What messages are being sent to young women and men when the literary landscape only shows half the picture?

The Stella Prize Schools Program seeks to inspire change, and to empower students – girls and boys alike – by encouraging them to critically engage with their own reading habits and imagine a future not limited by their gender.

The Stella Prize Schools Program offers:

- School visits by notable Australian writers
- Hands-on writing workshops
- Teaching notes on all Stella Prize shortlisted books (for Years 10–12)
- An extensive suggested reading list of books by Australian women for all secondary school levels
- General reading questions and activities for readers of any age
- PD sessions for teachers and librarians

Let your students be inspired by Australian women's writing, and help them to build their own brilliant careers.

For more information on the Stella Prize Schools Program:
www.thestellaprize.com.au/resources/schools-program/
or email schools@thestellaprize.com.au

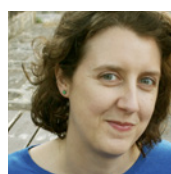
The Stella Prize Schools Program launch speakers



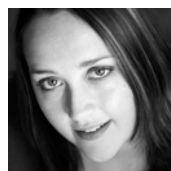
RANDA ABDEL-FATTAH is the award-winning author of several YA novels, including *Does My Head Look Big in This?* She speaks widely at schools, writers' festivals, universities and conferences in Australia and overseas.



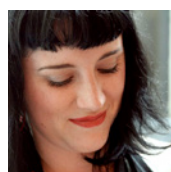
JC (Jane) BURKE is the author of *The Story of Tom Brennan*, which won the 2006 CBC Book of the Year Award for Older Readers, and is currently on the NSW HSC syllabus list. Her novel *Pig Boy* won the Ned Kelly Award for crime fiction in 2012.



ERIN GOUGH is an award-winning writer of short fiction and the author of *The Flywheel*, which won the 2014 Ampersand Project.



EMILY MAGUIRE is an award-winning author whose book *Your Skirt's Too Short: Sex, Power, Choice* is a thoughtful personal exploration of the gender issues affecting teenagers.



BEC KAVANAGH is the Schools Coordinator for the Stella Prize, and a freelance writer, reviewer and YA fiction specialist who has written for a number of education journals.