

Recent feedback 2012

I get a lot of pleasure out of visiting schools, and I cherish these comments...
Craig Smith

"Thank you so much for visiting our school. I absolutely loved today. I learnt so much like the proportions of a drawing. I loved how quick and fast you did your drawing, it was amazing. I have read some of your books and I love the drawings in them – so much life and colour."

Lauren (Aubin Grove)

"Thank you so much. I enjoyed every second of the wonderful lesson, I learnt so much I can't write it on my page. Again thanks for the lesson – it was epic."

Travis (Aubin Grove)

"I learnt a lot of things from you, thank you for coming today. I wish you would come back next year. I enjoyed your visit and your admirable drawing... I wish we could go longer than one hour."

Rafael (Aubin Grove)

"Watching Craig draw was really entertaining."

"Excellent and inspiring."

"Really fun. Craig was really cool, and I liked the choices he gave us."

"It was fun, and I learned a lot of new stuff about drawing."

"It was a very good learning experience. The main thing I learned was not to use the eraser so much!"

"Craig was very open to questions and suggestions, and I liked that."

"Craig was a very good presenter as he had a great sense of humour."

Students (Geraldton)

What a fabulous speaker. Craig impressed everyone with his artistic ability and all loved the directed drawing time he managed to fit into all his sessions. Got some positive feedback from teachers and lots of happy kids. Some were up here at lunch time drawing pictures from library books. One of Craig's suggestions.

Great guy, very personable and easy going. Loved, loved, loved today. And have some great drawings to hang in our library.

Karen McWilliams (Lindfield)

Thank you for so freely sharing your wonderful artistic talents with the kids & for being truly inspiring to us all. The kids loved the opportunity to draw & for a lot of them that was the highlight of the day!

Of course you made it look so easy but that was great for the kids too.

Thank you for your easy way with the kids- relating is really important.

Nada Farrell (Kilaben Bay)

"We had a great day. The children loved being a part of the process of drawing. The results were amazing. The teachers also took part. All children were engaged throughout. Craig had a great rapport (sic) with the children. Thanks for the great day."

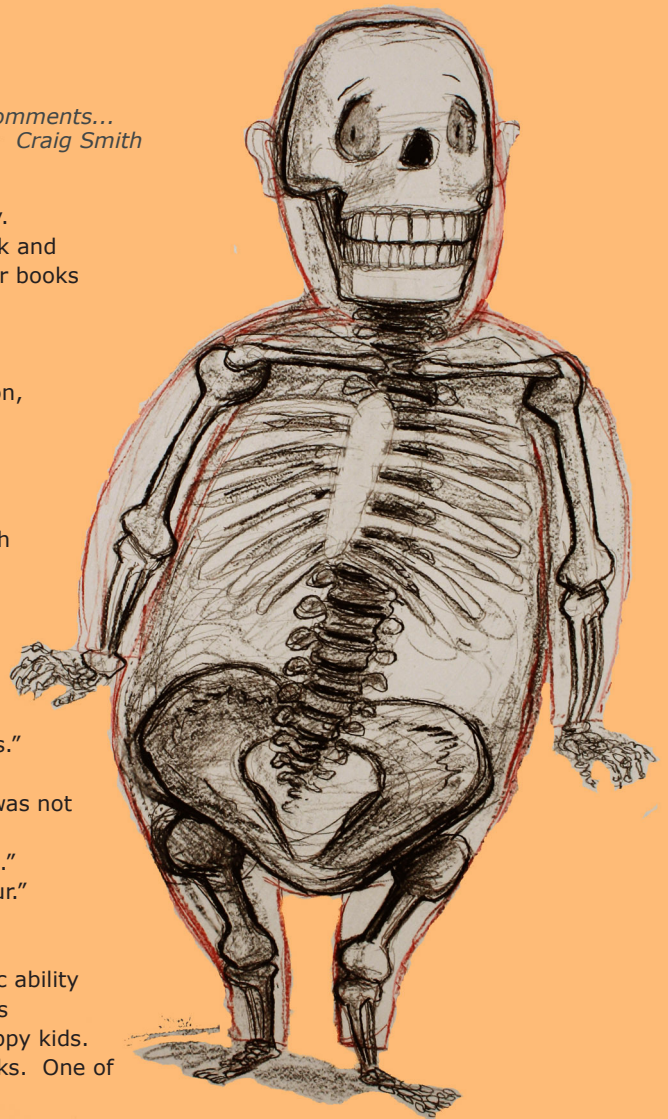
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"... he was able to engage his teenage audiences and keep them motivated and enthusiastic for 100 minutes at a time, which is no mean feat with children aged 12 to 14. All artwork produced by the students was of a very high standard, with students themselves often expressing surprise that they could actually draw so well. This, of course, was due to Craig's guidance and encouragement."

Christine Smith and students (Geraldton)

"...we had a great day on Monday with our visiting authors. The staff and student feedback was very positive and more importantly the books of the visiting authors are now in high demand from library! Naturally each author had their own style for presentation but all were considerate of the group before them and adjusted the talks accordingly..."

Robyn Hirst (Essendon)



"The children were attentive, motivated and interested in trying out the techniques Craig demonstrated. Because the group was small Craig was able to give more attention to each individual. It was great to see the children have a go at a drawing in a way they were not used to and to be praised for their final results. Craig's enthusiasm and drawing-on-the-go were inspiring."

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"I've ALWAYS wanted to be an author and illustrator and now I've got more tips 'n' tricks."

"It was very interesting to learn how to draw like that :0)"

"I loved it because I love doing art. It was fun and had lots of information."

"I learnt lots of tips for drawing. Now I love drawing more than I did."

"Because I learnt how to draw characters properly."

"Because I didn't really know everything about drawing and I learnt a lesson."

"It was interesting because he told us about the techniques of shading and which way the character was looking."

"Because he told us about his tip; tones and expression also movement. I loved it."

"Because I enjoyed learning how to draw things I thought that were hard before."

"I learned so much today and only for \$2."

"Because I loved drawing the doctor and Frank Junior and I loved painting it to."

"I am not a very good drawer but he made it fun and kept it simple so I could understand and try."

"It was fun to find out some tips for drawing and seeing a work in progress."

"Because he made it interesting."

"I like the way he draws the characters."

"I enjoyed it as I have come out with much more knowledge and an eye for detail. "

Rebecca Marchenkov and students (Joondalup)

"Your workshops were interesting and hands on. Students had opportunities to study your techniques, scan your picture books and most importantly to draw!

You provided a non-threatening environment and the students thrived."

Valma Downing (Corrigin)

"... if he makes a mistake and wants to put something somewhere else, he will erase it and re-position the image to where he wants it. It doesn't bother him if there are a lot of scribble lines on the page...

...after he had shown us the illustrations and the paintings he had created, we got stuck into drawing.

We had to draw a doctor and a monster. The plot was about a doctor who had always wanted a son, but instead he created a monster."

Mathew and Bayley (Corrigin)

"It was an amazing lesson and I love his artwork. I had a great time"

"When Craig Smith came over he was awesome. He was a happy chap who drew quickly and he taught us how to draw really well. At first when he did a drawing we thought it's going to look very weird, but as he started to add things on we saw at the end that the drawing was very, very good. I think I want to be an illustrator when I grow up now. Everything he did was fantastic."

"Last Wednesday we had an excellent time with Craig Smith a book illustrator. He taught us all excellent techniques to know when you are drawing. We were able to use our imagination and drawing skills to create a wonderful and funny picture. He was a very funny man. I had such a great time and loved the picture I drew. It was such a great opportunity."

"Craig Smith taught me how to draw. In his mere 1 hour class I learnt how shadows effect drawings and how effective the simplest of features can be. Also I learnt how playing with dimensions can be fun and interesting"

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