

Writing grants take kids to magical lands

THE growing divide in literacy has pushed Toowoomba author and journalist Cherie Curtis to return to her roots and offer creative writing scholarships to six Darling Downs students.

As founder of writing workshop and tuition brand Creative Dragons, Ms Curtis will come home after 14 years in Bundaberg and will offer one-on-one tuition, Creative Dragons classes and author talks.

Six scholarships will be available for children with brilliant creativity and writing talent and she will waive all fees for a whole term.

To apply for the Creative Dragons fee-free scholarship email an application form to cherie@creative dragons.com.au by Monday.

Applications must also include an essay (up to one page) written by the child on why they should be chosen

and two to three sample pages of their own creative writing.

For an application form visit www.creative dragons.com.au.

Creative Dragons will host weekly after-school writing classes for Apprentice Dragons (children in Years 5-6) and Master Dragons (young adults in Years 7-12) at various venues around Toowoomba, including Highfields, Oakey and Crows Nest from mid-July.

Ms Curtis said the success of the program was built on small numbers, individual attention and the use of the magic of stories to make reading and writing more interesting.

Vacancies are limited. Parents should register their children as soon as possible. Students who have pre-registered are still eligible for the scholarship. Term fees will be rebated.