

## CCPS COURSE IN CLAY 2020

### Kylie Rose McLean

Wheel Forming - Beginners

Wednesday 6:00pm - 9:30pm - 8 Weeks - Cost \$280

### TEACHER PROFILE

I first touched clay at high school in the 1980s, making a series of thrown functional forms for my HSC Visual Arts Major Work. I was hooked then, and although I have deviated several times from the ceramics path, I am now back on track and feeling totally at home when my hands are covered in clay.

I love creating with clay, particularly with layered surfaces, and raw and atmospheric firings. My hand built, mound-shaped forms are the perfect canvas for experimentation.

Although teaching ceramics is relatively new to me, I have been a teacher for almost 20 years, previously in event design and currently as a high school multimedia teacher. My studies include Hornsby TAFE where I graduated with an Advanced Diploma in 2014. I have participated in many group and solo exhibitions and been fortunate to win a number of awards.

Teaching ceramics is a delight, and learning with my students is a pleasure.

### COURSE OUTLINE

Intrigued about the pottery wheel? Want to give it a try? All wheel thrown items start life as a cylinder. Mastering this form provides you with a solid basis to expand your skills.

The primary focus of this course is learning the basics and throwing a cylinder. Students will repeatedly throw pieces, cutting them and reviewing the outcomes to develop their skills. Those with previous experience will be challenged to throw the perfect cylinder in several efficient movements. An introduction to a range of clay bodies and glazing tests is also included.

By the end of term, each student should have a number of glazed cylinders to take home.

## WEEKLY PROGRAM

- Week 1**      **Work Health Safety / CCPS Rules / Emergency procedure**  
**Introduction** - teacher & students / mark roll  
**Demonstration** - introduction to clays / pinch pot  
**Student practice**  
• students make a range of pinch pots from a variety of clays - ensure marked  
**Demonstration** - clay preparation / centring / 7 step cylinder  
*Test pinch pots fired to a range of temperatures*
- Week 2**      **Demonstration**  
• clay preparation / centring / 7 step cylinder - cut to show internal view  
**Student practice** - centring / cylinders - cutting to see progress
- Weeks 3-5**      **Demonstration** - 7 step cylinder  
**Student practice** - centring / cylinders - cutting to see progress  
**Demonstration** - turning a foot
- Week 6**      **Glazing test pieces** - pinch pots
- Week 7**      **Completion of thrown pieces**  
• final week for completing work to be bisque  
• students turn completed work  
*Additional work made in this class will not be bisque*  
*Cylinders bisque fired*
- Week 8**      **Review and collection of work**  
• Presentation of bisque cylinders & glazed pinch pots  
    ○ discuss pros and cons of results  
• Feedback about their class experience and outcomes

## SKILLS OUTCOMES

On completing this course, students will have developed skills in:

- knowing a variety of clay bodies;
- making a pinch pot;
- wedging and weighing clay;
- centring a ball of clay on the pottery wheel;
- throwing a cylinder;
- turning a foot on a cylinder;
- glazing test pieces;
- basic kiln & firing knowledge.

