

WEA Adelaide Calligraphy Courses

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The WEA has 2 Calligraphy Courses starting this month which will be taught by Anne.

Introduction to Calligraphy – starts on Thursday October 25th at 6pm
&
The Italic Hand – starts on Tuesday 30th October at 5.45pm

The **Introduction to Calligraphy** course has 18 hours tuition and runs over 6 weeks. The aim of the course is to give each participant confidence in their calligraphic knowledge and sound basic skills. It also includes demonstrations of letter formation, ruling up, letter and word spacing, creating a piece of calligraphy and the correct use of materials and equipment.

The calligraphic hand studied is **Foundational Hand** and the course runs over 6 weeks, with each lesson lasting 3 hours. This allows plenty of time to enjoy in-depth study of both Foundational minuscules and Roman-based Capitals to use with them and as much individual tuition as possible.

There will also be time to learn more about different types and sizes of broad-edged nibs, the use of various inks and gouache, which papers give the best results and also some useful historical information as well as looking at more modern uses of this formal, calligraphic hand.

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The **Italic Hand** course has 12 hours of tuition and also runs over 6 weeks. It will be an in-depth study of the beautiful and versatile Italic Hand, so loved by calligraphers, and aims to build on your existing calligraphic knowledge and skills.

Once the basic shapes are mastered then there will be the joy of adding beautiful flourishes to the letters, perfecting spacing and learning about layout and using different nib sizes and colour in a short piece of work.

There will be time to learn a little about the history of this lovely hand and also to see examples of writing masters from the Renaissance period. Also there are many modern calligraphers who have added their influence to the Italic form and we will look at work by some of these modern masters.

This course starts on Tuesday 30th October at 5.45pm.