

My name is Adrienne McMahon and I have been teaching the Equestrian Program at Al Siraat College for about 4 years now. I have been involved with horses for over 40 years, starting in Pony Club then later breeding my own Warmblood horses, competing and training in Dressage for 25 plus years as well as teaching along the way.

I live on a small farm of 20 acres just at the foothills of Kinglake mountain which offers me the serenity of being with nature every day. I have always had a passion for horses, understanding the way they learn and behave and knowing what they can offer us just by being with them.

I have 8 horses/ponies at home ranging from tiny to very big, all with their own unique personalities. I have 2 horses that I ride and although I no longer compete in Dressage, I do love to go on long trail rides through the bush.

I am a Certified Equine Assisted Learning Practitioner and have my own practice based on my property "Equine Human Mindfulness". I enjoy working with children in both areas of teaching and Equine Assisted Learning.

I love the Equestrian Program that Al Siraat offers as most of these children would not have the opportunity to be around horses or learn the basics of riding.

We have 2 ponies at Al Siraat College - Bertie and Cash: *Bertie* is our smaller pony, a little Welsh grey who is proving to be a great asset for the College. He can be quite sensitive but is great with the children in both areas of riding and when they are working with him on the ground, grooming etc. Bertie is great for our total beginner riders with a very sweet nature. Bertie is still quite young at 8 years old and has settled into ASC's Equestrian Program really well.

Cash is our bigger pony, dark brown in colour, he is an Australian Riding Pony of only 7 years of age and has spent much of his life as a school pony, mainly on the lunge so we are working with him learning to be ridden independently by the children. He's a very sweet boy and loves wet weather days where the children get to fuss over him learning to groom and basic horse maintenance. Cash loves his carrots and is always very gentle when the children are feeding him.

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