

PHILIP WILCOX / SLAM POET

2015/16 AUSTRALIAN POETRY SLAM CHAMPION



"In the midst of all the applause, he gracefully returns his smoking microphone to its melting stand and burns into our imaginations like a poetic brand."

- Miles Merrill, Artistic Director of Word Travels & The Australian Poetry Slam

"Philip was warm, easy-going, flexible and wonderfully willing to work to our needs. The workshop was age/stage appropriate and the students were incredibly engaged. To say that the students and staff enjoyed the workshop is an understatement. It was brilliant. We look forward to having Philip back!"

- Rebecca Solomon, St Andrew's Cathedral School, NSW

Philip Wilcox is the current *Australian Poetry Slam* Champion and two time *NSW Poetry Slam* Champion. He has performed at the Sydney Opera House and literary festivals both nationally and internationally. His debut collection of poems *Beetle Prayer* is due to be released in 2016.

Check out videos of Philip on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRPeoEegzuA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVM1IRz5f8>

Spoken Word Performances

Philip Wilcox delivers performances of spoken word poetry with a wit and power that enthrall and delight. He threads stories, jokes and modern day myths about growing up in suburbia with an arsenal of poems – some sublime, some ridiculous. He will have audiences spellbound one minute, then suddenly laughing the next. Interwoven with visuals, musicality and storytelling, each performance has a strong component of student participation, followed by a brief Q & A session.

Workshops

Philip teaches students tips and tricks to write and perform their own poetry, including demonstrations of 'slam style' poems and discussions about form and techniques. Students will experiment with poetic forms such as stream of consciousness, battle haikus and phrase poems to help them bring to life their stories and sharpen their means of expression. Workshops for schools can sit within the syllabus criteria for English, and tailored to the specific needs of the school.

Thank you so much for today! **You rocked it** - the year group have never been so engaged.

- Angela Neshama, English Teacher, The Forest High School, NSW



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PHILIP WILCOX / FEEDBACK

ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT AND INSPIRING. Philip has a unique gift to communicate with everyone, students and staff. He has energy and passion. Such an awesome day!

We would love to have him back for a week next year!

Beryl Morris - Glasshouse Christian College, QLD

It was wonderful to have Phil Wilcox, a 'real' poet, share and demonstrate how to write poetry in such a **dynamic, fun and engaging** way. Phil related so well to the students, drawing out even the most reluctant in my class, **encouraging and reassuring** them that they each had something to say and that it was worth saying. He knew just how to manage the groups, whether it was the larger group presentation or the smaller class workshops. He has left them inspired, and most importantly, he has affirmed them as writers.

Year 9 Lead Teacher - Glasshouse Christian College, QLD

Thank you again for working with us to secure an Author in Residence after being disappointed and let down by another agent. I must say, **I'm so glad that happened** because it meant that we were able to bring in Philip!

Philip was fabulous; generous with his time, infectious, animated and a pleasure to work with. Students really enjoyed his sessions. They wrote, performed and were inspired to keep writing. Teachers were really happy after each of his sessions and **all involved expressed that they would have him back in a heart beat.** We thoroughly recommend Phillip and we look forward to his next visit to Villanova College.

Antonietta Neighbour - Villanova College, QLD

Dear Nexus Arts Team, THANK YOU SO MUCH for the suggestion of booking Philip. He is such a dynamic presenter and had our **Year 11 male audience totally engaged and in the palm of his hand throughout** his presentation, and they eagerly responded to his challenge to write a quick Slam poem towards the end of the proceedings.

Gai Dennett - Librarian, Canberra Grammar School, ACT

Excellent performance - a great selection of poems and interactivity.

Chris Falkland - Head of English, The Forest High School, NSW

An **incredible** performance. Philip had the **absolute full attention** of the hall. Great response from the students, they were engaged throughout and were happy to volunteer. Philip is a storyteller with an **amazing** ability. He had me hanging on every word.

Mr Gurry - English Teacher, Immanuel Lutheran College, QLD

I just wanted to email you and say **THANK You, THANK YOU, THANK you!**

On your suggestion we had Philip Wilcox... Can I just say—**outstanding.** Philip blew us all away at the Voices launch dinner and he was just **such a delight** to work with. The kids were absolutely raving about him and his style. A very talented and gracious young man!

I think I would already like to query about Philip for next year!

Kelly Dunham, Voices on the Coast Festival Coordinator