

# Richard Scholes: The Magical World of Crazy Science



**Australian Curriculum:**  
**Science:** *Science Understanding (Chemical &, Physical sciences), Science as a human endeavour (Nature & development of science) & Science enquiry skills (Questioning & predicting).*

## The Show:

A totally unique show that will have children spellbound, combining science, illusion and the arts, *The Magical World of Crazy Science* is a delightful mixture of magical visual science demonstrations that teaches a wide array of science concepts.

Take a wild ride with your host Richard Scholes through the Magical World of Crazy Science. Witness giant columns of elephant toothpaste, a genie's appearance from a lamp, the world's weirdest bird or Sir Isaac Newton 'live', massive smoke rings zooming and toilet paper flying, levitations, gigantic bubbles, mountains of slime and billowing concoctions. Have you ever seen your skin crawling in front of your very eyes? Add to this the hilarious mix of interactive magic and you have one very engaging science show.

## The Performer:

Richard Scholes is a multi-award winning entertainer, scientist and teacher.

Richard's life has been a unique blend of academic life and performing arts. Richard has a Bachelor of Education and has also won Australian Stage Magician of the Year and twice won Queensland Entertainer of the Year. He has studied mime, mask and commedia in London and Europe. With his unique blend of mask, mime, magic and hand shadows He has worked with the Queensland Theatre Company. He has graced the stages as guest artist for legendary performers as diverse as Shirley MacLaine, B.B. King, and Lou Rawls to a 3-month tour of Australia with Billy Connolly and performed in three Royal Command Performances, two for the King and Queen of Sweden and one for the Princess of Brunei.

**Get a sneak peek of Richard's show on the Nexus Arts Channel:**  
<https://youtu.be/AK3NjM3HROs>

*"Crazy Science left hundreds of children in awe" - The Standard July 8th, 2011*

*"Brewing an entertaining blend of science and magic, 'crazy scientist' Richard Scholes showed the fun side of science with his performances, with an amazing spectacle of giant smoke rings, glowing test tubes, enormous bubbles and flying toilet paper" - The Standard July 9th, 2011*

**Cost:** \$5.00 per student +GST **Minimum:** 140 students **Suitability:** Prep – 9 **Duration:** 50 minutes plus Q & A

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# Feedback for Richard Scholes

We have nothing but *extreme praise* for Richard's show. The students were highly engaged 100% of the time, they responded with extreme enthusiasm to the demonstrations Richard carried out. They found all of his experiments highly visually stimulating and informative.

**St Joseph's Mundingburra, Townsville, QLD**

*Outstanding.* Great to have a show that sits so well with the Australian Curriculum.

All responded with great excitement and awe and were very engaged (even the smaller preps).

Lots of 'buzz' afterwards! "Fantastic!" "So informative and fun!"

"One of the best shows we have ever had!" **Margate PS, TAS**

I loved how 'science' was made fun, creative and in turn *will* increase interest in this curriculum area.

The performer was **AWESOME!!! Kingston PS, TAS**

Richard had every student (and teacher) ECSTATIC! Every child was engrossed and loved every second of it. Richard was AWESOME! Wouldn't change the show at all. Everything was interesting, entertaining and informative, seriously PERFECT! Great explanations. **Oxenford State School, QLD**

The children were engaged, laughing, and were excited to be involved as active participants. The show is educational and *thrilling*. **Leongatha Primary School, VIC**

Richard has made my students eager to start trying experiments, they loved the show.

**Fish Creek & District Primary School, VIC**

The kids were absolutely buzzing with excitement and enthusiasm. They loved it! Outstanding! **Smithton PS, TAS**

"10 out of 10!!" "I didn't know science could be such fun." "The best science I've ever seen."

"Amazing and one of the best shows EVER"

"All of the equipment was everyday things that did amazing things."

The teachers thought the show was fun as it showed loads of scientific knowledge and explanations, A TERRIFIC SHOW!

Richard's experiments are lively and exciting; it was incredible watching him engaging the children for the entire show. We would love to see him again. **Horsham West Primary School, VIC**

Highly engaged! Amused! Entertained! Educated! Students LOVED it! Teachers LOVED it!

**Glenrowan Primary School, VIC**

Thank you for a wonderful performance. The experiments were a great balance of information and excitement! Richard was able to inspire the children to get excited about science. **Yarram PS, VIC**

Amazing!!! Thoroughly engaged the children and adults. Richard used everyday appliances to make incredibly fascinating experiments. **St Joseph's Primary School, Kerang, VIC**

Students said Richard's show was funny, surprising, fabulous, amazing, fantastic, magical, cool, weird, and OUT OF THIS WORLD.

Richard had the students complete attention for the entire show; it was nothing short of an amazing show. We LOVED it! **Karalee State School, QLD**

I'm in awe! Excellent show! Richard has inspired me to engage my students in new and different science experiments. **Warracknabeal Primary School, VIC**

All the students were engaged, EXCELLENT!! The students were most enthused by Richards incredible show. **St Mary's Maffra, VIC**

Excellent – laughed so much! Entertaining and educational **South Coogee PS, WA**

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Richard's highly energetic show kept the children highly engaged with its variety of experiments and student participation; the throwing up 'fire' was stunning!

The students were captivated by the magical nature of the show, especially the science experiments elements; they were able to relate well to the concepts demonstrated; they loved learning that science can be fun.

The students were completely enthused, excited and inspired to have a long discussion about science after the show. Everyone was fascinated and found the show highly interesting with well explained experiments. The show was very enjoyable and well received by students, with safety measures always mentioned. An excellent performance which catered for all year levels and suits all ages. Richards show is informative, educational, with a fun twist. Magical. Very entertaining!

**Holy Trinity Lutheran School, Horsham VIC**

Students said, "I really enjoyed it! Especially loved the bubbles". Teachers were super happy that their students were totally engaged, and the show catered for all ages. **Cann River PS, VIC**

"Fantastic! Weird! Funny! I loved Science." Our students learnt a lot and were highly entertained. **Casterton Primary School, VIC**

The students absolutely loved it. Richard had great energy and explained the science at the appropriate level. **Yarra Primary School, VIC**

The children were enthralled! They thought the show was absolutely awesome, interesting, funny and MINDBOGGLING!!! Couldn't ask for more. **Orbost Primary School, VIC**

"I liked the elephant toothpaste. I like when he joined the rings together. I liked the hypnotic wheel, I liked the giant bubbles. I liked the balls coming gout of his mouth. I liked the explosion. I like the sticky pencil. I like the bit where he squirted the toilet paper out. I like the one where he had the dirty nappy and the wee wee"... these are but a few of the comments made by students at Mallacoota College. They were RAVING about the show afterwards. They spent hours trying to do the pencil trick, they thought all the experiments were cool.

The teachers thought Richard's show was a fantastic performance, finding it highly entertaining and informative for a wide range of ages. Richard had the children *eating out of his hands*. From a teaching point of view the show has inspired a larger scope for future science experiments.

**Mallacoota College, VIC**

*100% of the class would recommend* other people to go to the show! **Norwood Primary, TAS**

Overawed!! Excited!! Loud!! Highly involved and motivating – WOW. It was such an impressive, stimulating and informative show. From the very first moment to the very last the children were so captivated and enthralled. Thank you so much for lighting their "science candles"!!

**Glen Forrest PS, WA**

Children absolutely loved it. They were fully engaged, laughing and enjoying all the incredible tricks, while learning many valuable scientific concepts. A wonderful way to teach children about science.

**Creaney PS, WA**

WOW!! Students were in awe, engaged, enthusiastic, involved – we ALL enjoyed it immensely! **Australind PS, WA**

AWESOME! The students were giddy with delight!

Quote from a male year 6 teacher: "I'm going home to pack Jen's hairdryer and my leaf blower for Monday – I'm cranked!" - **Vasse PS, WA**

What a fantastic show – the kids were engaged from the beginning to the end and still buzzing two hours later!!! One of the best shows we've had. Thank you. - **Lesmurdie PS, WA**