

PHILIP WILCOX

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 was ABSOLUTELY STUNNING, The students all loved it and were totally engaged, even those you would least expect to enjoy poetry. Philip finished his 4 days with a slam poetry competition for the year 8's. He had them in the palm of his hands for 2 hours and there was not a peep out of them except of laughter and applause! We will definitely be inviting him back next year.

Alan Trueman - All Saints Anglican School, QLD

Thanks again for visiting us here at PMACS. I have had great feedback from teachers and students about the performances and the workshop – all super positive. It blew me away that the kids could produce such great stuff in a short period of time!

One member of staff said, “The incursion was wonderful for our students. I saw some of my boys rocking to the beat of the poetry. What an awesome introduction to poetry for them!”

Amanda Collier - Head of English, Peter Moyes Anglican Community School, WA

Besides being a modern, accessible poet, Philip Wilcox is the ultimate storyteller; engaging, humorous and interactive, he had the students **tapping into endless possibilities** and composing poems within minutes. His inclusive approach meant that students were comfortable sharing ideas and asking questions.

Thanks - it was great!

Wafa Taoube - Head Teacher English, Tempe High School, NSW

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.

We have booked him for next year and are already thinking about the following year!

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

Excellent performance - a great selection of poems and interactivity.

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

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Philip was excellent. We are definitely keen to have him back to our school for our year 10's at a similar time next year.

Christian Bateman - Xavier College, SA

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

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, QLD