



# PHILIP WILCOX

## MONSTER POETRY!

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Philip Wilcox is an awarded and published full-time poet, touring nationally and internationally. He is an Australian Poetry Slam champion and two-time New South Wales Poetry Slam champion. He has performed everywhere from the Tedx stage, the Sydney Opera House and writing festivals all over the world.

Philip's first collection *Beetle Prayer* was released in 2021 and his new children's poetry book is due out in June 2024. He believes poetry is for everyone: sharky advertising executives, criminals, and even school students. He has made it his mission to share his poetry in the hope of sparking a passion for words and language and in the last 8 years, Philip has worked with upwards of 50,000 students in over 200 schools in 12 countries.

**THE PERFORMANCE:** Philip delivers a performance of kids' poems from his forthcoming book *Secret Notes on an Alien Planet*. The poems are written from the perspective of an Alien who has crash landed on Earth and is trying to make sense of our world. The show is packed with audience participation, jokes, and even some illustrations from the book. The arc of the performance tells the story of the alien landing, finding a family, learning about the world and then returning home. The poems are silly and fun, and maybe sometimes a little poignant. There are so many playful language elements in the "Alien's" poems, all translated into the performance, which then finishes with a Q and A.

**WORKSHOPS:** In this workshop, students develop an "alter-ego" character, and write poems from the perspective of that character. They start with writing exercises that help create their character—an alien, a monster, or an inanimate object brought to life. They then move on through various writing activities, to performance techniques: partnering up to perform their poems in different styles, and speed run-throughs. Finally, a few students (maybe 3 or 4) will perform their poem to the class. Poetry is about looking at the world anew, and through these "Monster Poems" students can put their finger on previously unexpressed truths that they observe in the world.

**Suitability:** Prep – Year 6

**Duration:** 50 minutes

**Performance:** \$6.00 per student + GST  
minimum 100 / maximum 250 students per session

**Workshop:** \$195.00 +GST flat fee, when following a performance  
approximately 25 students per session

**Artist in Residence also available— please enquire for more information**

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Phil's performance was spectacular!! Students and teachers alike were entranced for the duration. I have attached the completed booking form for a similar performance this time-ish next year.

Thank you ever so much! *Kirsty Wilson - English Learning Area Leader, Launceston College, TAS*

Fantastic feedback for Phil—I was at the Year 4-6 performance and absolutely loved it—students were really switched on and involved, they loved the participation and laughed so much—he had them eating out of his hands!!! *Kris Hondow - Kangaroo Island Community Education, SA*

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*

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*

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*

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*

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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*

Philip immediately engaged the students with his humour and relating to them as fellow beings in this world, talking about human relationships in a very cool kind of way—students were switched on as soon as he began! His creative talent was something ‘different’ from what our kids usually get exposed to. Well done and thanks!!  
*Eulia - Assistant Principal Middle Years, Kangaroo Island Community Education, SA*

Excellent performance - a great selection of poems and interactivity.  
*Chris Falkland - Head of English, The Forest High School, NSW*

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*

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*Sandra Flower - Teacher Librarian, Beauty Point Public School, NSW*

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*

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*

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, Word Travels & The Australian Poetry Slam*