

WILL SMALL

spoken word poet and speaker

Will Small is a **3× Australian Poetry Slam national finalist** and award-winning writer who has inspired thousands of students around Australia with his dynamic blend of poetry and performance.

SCHOOL TALKS

How I (accidentally) became a poet

From lunchtime battle raps to the Sydney Opera House stage, Will tells the tale of how poetry got its hooks in him and the amazing doorways it has opened. Along the way he gets every student writing and gives them a fresh take on the power of poetry — for everyone.

Builds student confidence and inspires a love for writing.

Creativity in the Age of AI

Drawing on his latest poetry book, *The Fossil of Us*, Will helps students wrestle with the big questions around human creativity in an age of automation. Why keep writing poetry when machines can do it for us? What does it mean to actually celebrate the limitations of creating like a human?

Generates critical thinking and affirms the creative process, not just the outcome.

Workshops, residencies and tailored talks are also available.

► **Watch Will perform *For Leo***

A poem Will wrote for one of his three sons, with a message for young people everywhere.

WHAT SCHOOLS SAY

"Will was a wonderful presenter. The Year 11 & 12s appreciated his honesty, professionalism and authenticity, and loved the freestyle rap battle. We will definitely invite Will back."

ASHLEIGH DITERLIZZI, ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, EAST GOSFORD

"Will Small was fabulous... the buzz around the school was incredibly positive. He inspired the boys with his ability to freestyle and made them keen to give it a try themselves."

LEANNE ADDLEY, TEACHER LIBRARIAN, VILLANOVA COLLEGE QLD

"From the first time I saw him perform it was clear he had something special... his passion for the written and spoken word is infectious."

OMAR MUSA, WRITER AND WOODCUTTER

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