

EDUCATION PACK

Zohab Z. Khan



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Biography

Zohab Khan is an educator, spoken word poet, motivational speaker, didgeridoo player and hip-hop artist. Since 2006, Zohab has been building a formidable career in spoken word poetry, culminating in taking out the title of the Australian Poetry Slam Champion in 2014. That same year he was also runner up in the International Poetry Slam in Madrid.

Zohab has performed and conducted poetry workshops in over 20 countries across the world and is the co-founder of The Pakistan Poetry Slam. His first collection of poetry "I Write" reached best seller status within 5 months of its launch.

He has made appearances at the Sydney, Auckland, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Byron Bay, Bellingen, Ubud (Indonesia), Bookworm Literary (China), Sunshine Coast, Darwin and National Young Writers Festivals. As well as performing at various music festivals including the world renowned Glastonbury Festival in 2016.

As an educator, Zohab's poetry and self development workshops are in high demand and he has conducted over a thousand workshops in institutions worldwide. His workshops aim to inspire change and confidence in young people through spoken word poetry and *brain hacks*™. With the incorporation of self-development techniques, spoken-word poetry becomes not just a platform for self-expression but also one to inspire change, acceptance and increase creativity.

As an 4th generation Australian of Pakistani heritage and having been raised in rural NSW, Zohab has channelled his distinct life experiences into stories with the intent to educate. Zohab confronts a range of social justice issues from racism to bullying and socio-economic disparities. Zohab's high energy and powerful words have left countless inspired.

"I really liked Zohab's ability to talk about his feelings and insecurities openly to a crowd of people."

Henry Year 10 Student, Jakarta Intercultural School

"Thank you for the amazing job you did teaching me and my peers. We are so lucky to have been taught by such a great poet."

Year 9 Student, Xavier High School (Albury, NSW)

Performances

Spoken-Word Poetry Performance

Duration: One Hour

In his rousing set, Zohab Khan's talented repertoire of passionate poetry, story telling and freestyle hip-hop are utilised to enthrall and entertain. A proficient didgeridoo player, harmonica beat-boxer and part time comedian, his award-winning poetry is presented surrounded by laughs and rhythm. With his repertoire in tow, Zohab combines his performance with a discussion on self-development focussed on creating visions, achieving goals and get you out of your seat confidence-building techniques.

Cost: \$POA*

"Zohab has the perfect mix of passion, imagination and intellect to win over crowds, students or anyone within earshot of his spoken word... Zohab has been phenomenal in our workshops and has won roars from our audiences."

Miles Merrill, Director of Australian Poetry Slam and Word Travels

Workshops

Spoken-Word Poetry Boot Camp

Duration: 90 minutes

Zohab launches straight into this fast paced two-hour workshop with performance activities followed by writing exercises designed to attain poetic techniques. Self-expression is the aim, with students producing a piece of work for performance by the end of the boot camp.


Cost: \$POA

Spoken-Word Poetry Intensive

Duration: One Day

Zohab Khan expands on the activities offered in the boot camp to offer a learning experience focussed on building performance skills, confidence in self-expression, memorisation, poetic writing techniques and editing tips. Zohab guides the students with his unique *brain hack* activities so as to unlock an internal creativity which exists in all people. Through the use of diffuse thinking even the most uncreative student learns to wield their brain to create innovative poetry.

At the end of the day, students will have produced a polished piece ready for performance.



"I believe his performance was best suited to my age group, as we are all going through changes and are starting to make our own decisions and opinions on the people and world around us. He also taught us his strategies on dealing with bullying and discrimination."

**Michael, Year 8
Nanjing International School**

Residency

Poet in Residence

Duration: One Week +

Spoken-Word Poetry Residency

Duration: One Week

This program is the most popular choice as it utilises Zohab's complete repertoire. It is aimed at providing skills for a lifetime, via an immersive learning journey into creative writing, performance and self-development. The flexibility of an extended stay allows for a unique program to be developed for your school and provides maximum learning exposure for the students.

At the end of the residency, students will have produced a slam poem for a mini poetry slam competition, which will be hosted by Zohab Khan.

Cost: \$POA a day*

"He could relate stories of bullying and discrimination that students could relate to, but his message was always positive. He embodied multiculturalism and used its value as a theme, but was never didactic."

Douglas Glenn, Suzhou Singapore International School

List of Selected Achievements

2019 - Asia House Literature Festival, UNITED KINGDOM
2019 - Shanghai Literature Festival, CHINA
2019 - Hong Kong Young Readers Festival, HONG KONG
2019 - Bellingen Writers Festival
2018 - Jakarta Intercultural School Residency, INDONESIA
2018 - Officeworks Brand Ambassador
2018 - Wagga Wagga Tourism Ambassador
2018 - Mildura Fringe Festival Artist Award
2018 - ABC Life Content Creator
2017 - Hong Kong International Readers and Writers Festival, HONG KONG
2017 - ABC TV Documentary Host - *"You See Monsters"*
2017 - Seisen International School Residency, JAPAN
2017 - Nanjing International School Residency, CHINA
2017 - St Maur International School Yokohama Residency, JAPAN
2017 - World Islamic Economic Forum YoungFellow Mentor, MALAYSIA
2017 - Write Around the Murray Festival
2017 - OutSpoken Regional Australia Tour
2016 - Japan Womens University Workshop Series, JAPAN
2016 - International School of Beijing Residency, CHINA
2016 - Nanjing International School Residency, CHINA
2016 - National Young Writers Festival
2016 - Junket Youth Conference
2016 - Sunshine Coast Writers Festival
2016 - Glastonbury Festival, UNITED KINGDOM
2016 - Performance Poetry Workshop Series Mallorca, SPAIN
2016 - NT Writers' Centre Indigenous Community Workshop Program
2016 - NT Writers Festival WordStorm
2016 - Pakistan Poetry Slam Founder, PAKISTAN
2015 - Bundanon Writers in Residency
2015 - Australian Muslim Achievement Awards, Creative Artist of the Year
2015 - Ubud Writers Festival, INDONESIA
2015 - MocaFest, MALAYSIA
2015 - National Young Writers Festival
2015 - Byron Bay Writers Festival
2015 - Bellingen Writers Festival
2015 - Auckland Writers Festival, NEW ZEALAND
2015 - Sydney Writers Festival
2015 - Milk Crate Theatre Workshop Series
2015 - Bookworm Literary Festival tour, CHINA
2015 - Sydney Festival
2014 - Web Series Actor, *"Plans"*
2014 - Dubai MOCAFestival Featured Artist, Dubai, UAE
2014 - Scots College performance Workshop series
2014 - Performance Poetry Workshop Series Malmö, SWEDEN
2014 - Performance Poetry Workshop Series Paris, FRANCE
2014 - International Poetry Slam Madrid Finalist, SPAIN
2014 - Performance Poetry Workshop Series Mallorca, SPAIN
2014 - Girl Guides Kuala Lumpur Workshop Program, MALAYSIA
2014 - Sydney Writers Festival Appearance
2014 - Stand Tall Speak Up Educational Program
2014 - Dapto High School Workshop series
2013 - Australian Poetry Slam Champion
2013 - Australian Poetry Slam State Finalist
2013 - Viva La Gong Festival MC
2013 - Wollongong Street Talk Project Featured Artist
2013 - Nimbin Performance Poetry World Cup Finalist
2013 - Feature ABC TV Documentary
2012 - Australian Poetry Slam National Finalist
2012 - Australian Poetry Slam NSW Champion
2011 - Australian Poetry Slam National Finalist
2011 - Wagga Poetry Slam Champion
2011 - Multistory Project Refugee Workshops Series
2010 - Wagga Wagga Region Poetry Workshop Series
2009 - NSW Poetry Slam Finalist

PHOTO: Australian Muslim Achievement Awards


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"Zohab is an incredible teacher, he is humble, creative and has the most inspiring presence... Students, particularly young men, learn so much from his poetry and generosity."

**Dr. Tamryn Bennett,
Education Manager of The Red Room Company**



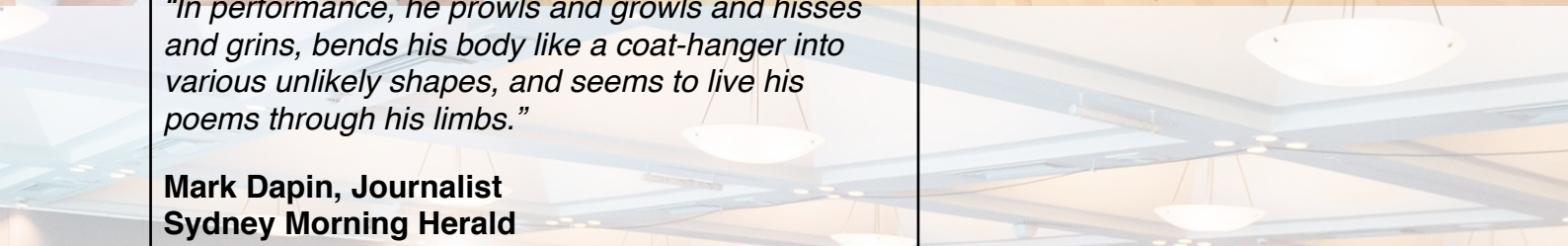


Zohab! You were captivating today! The boys really responded to your way of being. Thank you!

**Victoria, Teacher,
Newington College**

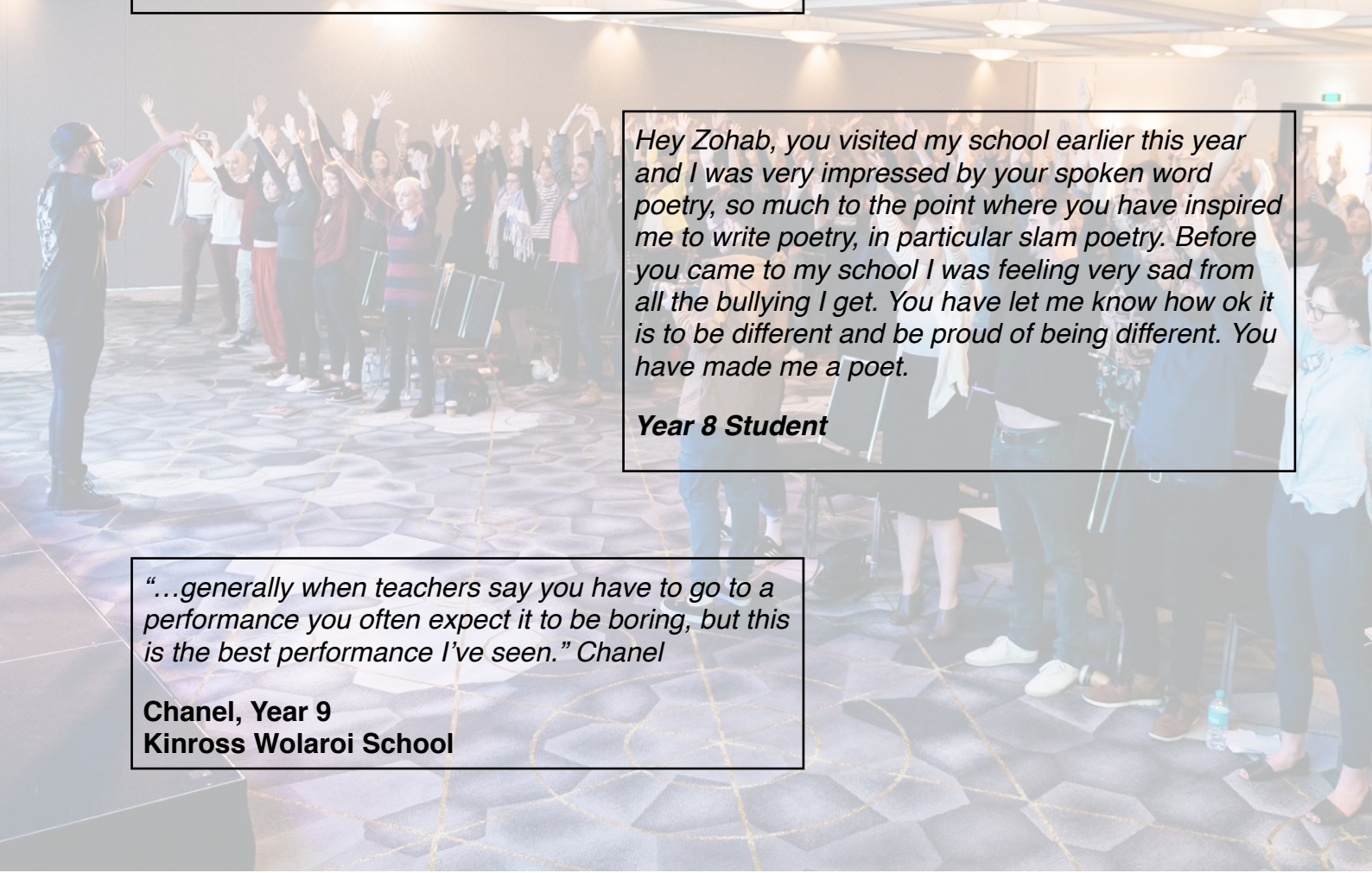
"The students and staff TOTALLY enjoyed Zohab!!! Thank you so very much! I've had 6 Year 6 boys come asking for poetry books and reading 'prose' novels - where the whole novel is a poem. Sensational result!"

**Lea Tracy Horan, Teacher,
Tacking Point Public School**



"In performance, he prowls and growls and hisses and grins, bends his body like a coat-hanger into various unlikely shapes, and seems to live his poems through his limbs."

**Mark Dapin, Journalist
Sydney Morning Herald**



Hey Zohab, you visited my school earlier this year and I was very impressed by your spoken word poetry, so much to the point where you have inspired me to write poetry, in particular slam poetry. Before you came to my school I was feeling very sad from all the bullying I get. You have let me know how ok it is to be different and be proud of being different. You have made me a poet.

Year 8 Student

"...generally when teachers say you have to go to a performance you often expect it to be boring, but this is the best performance I've seen." Chanel

**Chanel, Year 9
Kinross Wolaroi School**