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## Spoken Word Poet

*"He was fantastic - really strong messages and a good performance. He engaged our students, particularly the boys, in poetry"–  
Darryl Meredith, West Wyalong High School*

*"I strongly recommend he visit your students to share his uplifting and positive art as well as gracious, generous personality. He is a total gem, and of particular inspiration to young listeners who may view poetry in a jaded way"  
– Janet Haigh, Saint Maur International School*

*"Zohab was FANTASTIC...the students were enthralled by his performance" – Roz Chamberlain, Newcastle Grammar School*

*"He embodied multiculturalism and used its value as a theme" – Douglas Glenn, Suzhou Singapore International School*

*"Zohab Zee Khan has little in common with the dead white male poets students commonly meet at high school... he delivers his lines with the rhythm and physicality of a rapper." – Sydney Morning Herald*

### **Performance: Spoken Word Poetry**

The talented Zohab Khan's repertoire of spoken word poetry enthralls and entertains in this open and honest performance. A compelling raconteur, proficient didgeridoo player, harmonica beat-boxer and percussionist, his award-winning poetry is presented surrounded by music and rhythm. Zohab offers a unique program combining rap, slam poetry and freestyle improvisation with audience participation. With the incorporation of self-development techniques aka brain hacking, spoken-word poetry becomes not just a platform for self-expression but also one to inspire change. As a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Australian of Pakistani heritage who grew up in rural NSW, Zohab channels his distinct life experiences into stories with the intent to educate. Zohab confronts a range of social justice issues from racism to gender inequality and socio-economic disparity. Zohab's high energy and powerful words have left countless inspired.

#### **Suitability**

Primary School: Years 5 and 6 only

High School: Years 7-12

#### **Cost**

Primary: \$5.00 per student

High: \$6.00 per student

#### **Performance Minimum (150 students)**

Primary: \$750 GST n/a

High: \$900 GST n/a

#### **Duration**

50 minutes

### **Workshops:**

As a facilitator, Zohab's poetry and self-development bootcamp-style workshops inspire change and confidence in young people by using diffused and focus thinking models aka brain hacking.

#### **A) Small Boot Camp – only available after a performance**

This workshop utilises performance activities and writing exercises designed to teach and develop poetry techniques. The aim is self-expression, with students producing a performance piece by the end of the boot camp.

**Suitability:** Years 5&6, Years 7-12

**Cost:** Flat fee of \$450 GST N/A for 35 students maximum. **Duration:** 90 minutes for High schools, 60 minutes for Years 5&6.

*Students will need pens and paper. Computer and projector optional.*

#### **B) Big Boot Camp**

The content of the workshop is similar to Boot Camp (A), with more students attending but fewer doing a performance piece.

**Cost:** \$8/student, \$800 (GST NA) performance minimum **Duration:** 90 mins for High School, 60 mins for Years 5&6.

*Students will need pens and paper. Computer and projector optional.*

### **The Performer:**

Zohab Khan is a multitalented spoken word poet, hip hop artist, proficient didgeridoo player, and harmonica beat-boxer. Since 2006, he has built a formidable career in spoken word poetry, culminating in taking out the title of the Australian Poetry Slam Champion in 2014. Zohab is the co-founder of The Pakistan Poetry Slam and has performed at festivals in over 20 countries across the world. Zohab's words have taken him to stages across Western Europe, South East Asia, China, Pakistan, and the Middle East. He has performed at The Glastonbury Festival. As a 4<sup>th</sup> 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. In 2015 Zohab released his collection of poetry titled "I Write".

**Website:** [www.zohabzee.com](http://www.zohabzee.com)

**Instagram:** @zeemoneysupercool

**PLEASE NOTE: There is strong political content in this programme. We do advise that you follow Zohab on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and view his YouTube videos for greater background understanding of his content. Please contact Young Australia if you require further information.**

## **Young Australia Workshop**

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