

ZOHAB ZEE KHAN

Spoken Word Poet

"With passion, warmth and sincerity, Zohab shared his poetry and love of language and performance. Our students were enthralled and captivated: they pondered Zohab's social messages, they thought, they laughed, they enjoyed. When asked to begin their own writing, our kids didn't hesitate...Zohab's impact has been profound. Our students have gone on to create and perform some quite breathtaking work since his visit. It was a hugely successful workshop." – Anna Shanley, The Scots School Albury.

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 4th 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: Years 7 -12

Cost: \$5.00 gst n/a per student

Performance Minimum Cost: \$750 gst n/a - 150 students per session minimum

Duration: 60 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.

Pens, Paper and Projector required.

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. 100 student maximum **Duration:** 90 minutes for High School, 60 mins for Years 5&6. *Pens, Paper and Projector required.*

Workshops suitable for Welfare + PDHPE are also available – possible topics incl. Racism, Respectful Relationships, Bullying, Domestic Violence.

The Performer:

Zohab Khan is a multitasking 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 and is the co-host of the UK TV show Wax Lyrical. As a 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 gender inequality and socio-economic disparities. In 2015 Zohab's first collection of poetry "I Write" reached best seller status within 5 months of its launch.

Media References:

Australian Poetry Slam Winner 2014, Finalist 2011 and 2012, ABC TV – A day in the life of Zohab Khan, Sydney Morning Herald Newspaper article, Illawarra Mercury Newspaper article, [The Riverina Leader Newspaper – Front page article](#), ABC Radio Interview

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.

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