

AUSTRALIAN POETRY SLAM

YOUTH

Our online and in-person programs empower young people to write and perform their own poems.



Solli Raphael
2017 Australian Poetry Slam Champion
Photo by Clare Hawley

“I was never really good at speaking to people. But then I started to write stuff down and perform it. I can now say what I have always wanted to say but never could.”

Jesse Oliver - 2017 Australian Poetry Slam Champion

“The students were engaged and Pola was able to connect with the young audience through his personality and performance. His performances allowed our students to see poetry as a means of expression ... a way to explore key issues.”

Santa Sophia Catholic College

APS Youth brings the honesty and energy of poetry slams to classrooms around Australia.

Programs are curriculum focused and based on the acclaimed teaching resource, [*Slam Your Poetry: Write a Revolution.*](#)



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**APS Youth delivers
inspirational and empowering
online and in-person
programs facilitated by
diverse performing writers.**

Arielle Cottingham
2018 APS Champion
Photo by Clare Hawley



INSPIRE

Poetry Slam Show

The show begins with an inspirational performance by a poetry slam champion. The performance is followed by an in-depth discussion and Q&A. Students gain an understanding of the processes involved in creating spoken word literature.

Length: 50 mins

Group size: large groups

ENCOURAGE

Poetry Slam *Wordshop*

Students create poetry using key learning outcomes from the INSPIRE program. They tap into their experiences, community and identity as sources of inspiration, students to find new ways of expressing their creative ideas using live performance and advanced writing techniques.

Length: 2 hours

Group size: max. 20 students

EMPOWER

School Slam Event

Combining the INSPIRE and ENCOURAGE programs, students get an in-depth understanding of how to mix creative writing with performance. Then try out their skills. All students watch the Poetry Slam Show. 20 pupils participate in the Poetry Slam Wordshop before performing in their own poetry slam competition for their entire year group.

Length: full day

“The students said they were inspired by Eunice's performance, her respect for her culture and language!”

Holmes Secondary College



Through performance, workshops and discussion, APS Youth supports English, Drama and Personal Development Outcomes

Students Develop:

- Creative writing skills
- Public speaking and performance skills
- Self-esteem and creative self-expression
- Respect and understanding of their own stories, and the stories of their peers, community and culture

Themes Explored:

- Identity
- Difference and diversity
- Culture
- Belonging and alienation

Curriculum

Australian

Word Travels programs match stage 3-5 key learning areas for Language (ACELA), Literature (ACELT) and Literacy (ACELY) and ACEEN outcomes for stage 6 English

NSW

Through responding to and composing a wide range of texts, students in Word Travels' programs develop knowledge, understanding and skills that meet the majority of Stage 3-6 English Outcomes.

Be-Spoke

We also tailor programs and topics to suit English, PDHPE and Drama syllabuses for Stages 3-6. We welcome the opportunity to create events tailored to the needs of your students or group.

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APS Youth is run by Word Travels, a non-profit organisation empowering people from diverse communities to speak for themselves with creativity, passion and authenticity. Our largest program is *Australian Poetry Slam*, with over 1000 writers performing for over 20,000 audience members annually.

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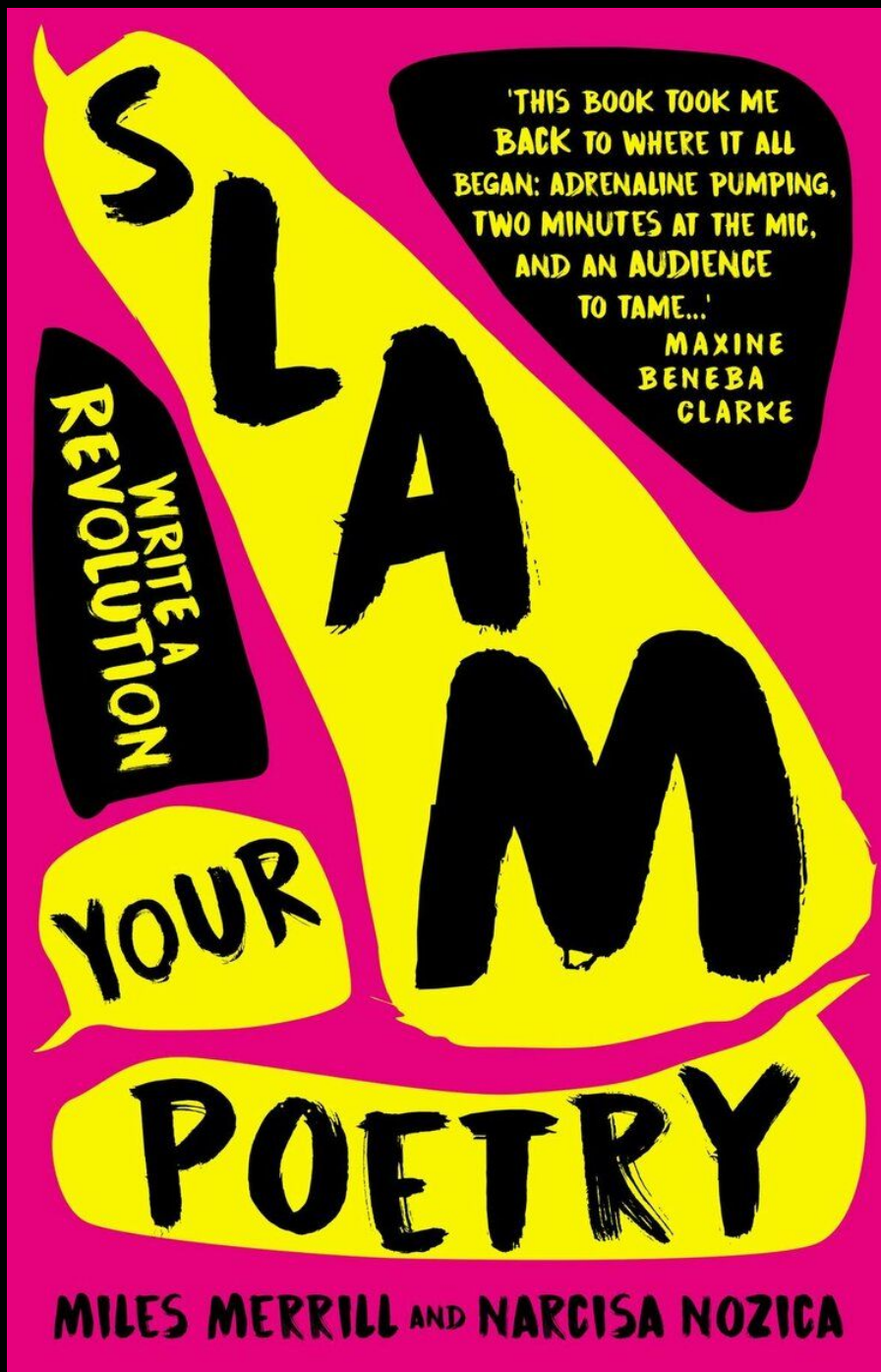
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Prepare yourself and your students. Before or after a slam poet comes to your school. Get this essential guide.

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Linked to the Australian Curriculum, *Slam Your Poetry* is written by Miles Merrill, the founder of Australian Poetry Slam and Narcisa Nozica, an award winning High School English teacher.

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