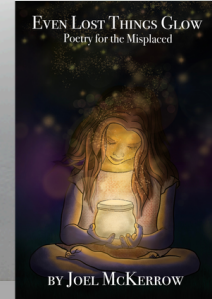
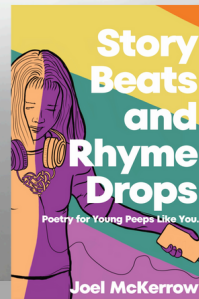




JOEL MCKERROW

Speaker | Author | Performance Poet | Educator



Joel McKerrrow is an award-winning writer, keynote speaker, educator, children's author with **Penguin Random House** and one of **Australia's most successful performance poets**. He has published eight books of poetry, seven spoken-word albums, a creative-non fiction and a graphic novel series.

Joel is passionate about education and presents in over fifty schools a year where he helps both students and teachers find creative breakthrough. He champions the belief that **CREATIVITY** and **STORY** are far too important to be confined to only those we deem as 'creative' or 'storytellers.'

Over the last fifteen years Joel has taught the creative process to literally hundreds of thousands of students throughout the world and he has presented at many of Australia's premiere writing festivals such as Melbourne Writers Festival, Cairns Tropical Writers festival, Somerset Storyfest, Sydney Writers Festival, Whitsunday Voices and many more. Renowned singer, **Kate Cebrano** describes his work as, **'Completely free, reckless & unbound in his expression.'**

SCHOOL VISITS

Story Sessions: Available as an author talk focussing on the inspiration of his stories **OR** as a workshop using a narrative framework for the creative process, Joel uses his own graphic novel series and his upcoming HEIST trilogy, to engage students with their own Story-writing process.

Poetry Sessions: Either as an author talk about the power of poetry or as workshops Joel takes students through his own poetic process. Students will enter the class thinking poetry is one thing and leave, honestly, having their minds blown.

Joel brings a fun, engaging, inspiring, energetic style to his schools work that will have primary students enthralled and will break through even the most frosty of teenage too-cool receptions.

Teacher PD/Events

Joel McKerrrow brings his fifteen years of experience in the education sector, to inspire and equip teachers, librarians, and education executives in PD events, conferences, off-sites, retreats, etc.

His sessions focus on how creativity can help educators reignite their passion for teaching, transform their methods to build more engaging learning environments and serve as a vital tool for their own wellbeing/fullfilment.

"Poetry as old and boring was thrown out the window as students were spellbound...and then were able to create vibrant and interesting pieces of their own.

A brilliant incursion."
- **Head of English -
Heatherton Christian
College**



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