



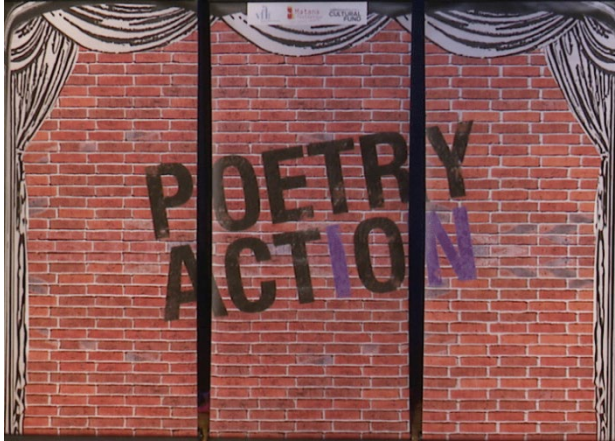
WALK IN NEW LIFE

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# POETRY IN ACTION

## English department

### Bringing poetry to life through performance



Both Years 7 and 8 were lucky to have the opportunity to have the theatrical expertise of Sydney's finest poets brought to them this week at Mater Maria.

'Poetry in Action', a travelling troupe of poets and actors, has been performing in Sydney schools for the past fifteen years. They generally perform on the stages of inner-city schools yet have

extended their repertoire to include the Northern Beaches in the past few years. We were very lucky to book them early to be able to perform for our Year 7 and Year 8 cohorts.

Year 8 were enthralled in Tuesday's performance in the Byrne Theatre with the troupe's show entitled *The Power of Poetry*. This drew on classic poetry and past poets works yet incorporated contemporary and free verse beat poetry and even some fast paced performance poetry. The students exhibited well-mannered theatre etiquette and asked brilliant questions in the Q and A at the end. We were pleased they gleaned such a positive experience from the show and from recognising the universality of the power of poetry.

On Thursday afternoon, all of Year 7 gathered in a temporary amphitheatre created in the Marana to watch 'Poetry in Action' perform their show entitled 'Unlocking the Poetry Code' which was pitched to a younger, introductory level designed to keep poetry fun and engaging. They unlocked ideas that poetry is all around us and that we all use language to decorate and sometimes redecorate our feelings. The Year 7 Public Speaking Team delivered thanks at the end of the show and congratulated the actors for their engaging performances.

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