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5 REASONS TO BOOK JONNY

1. MOST REQUESTED YOUTH SPEAKER IN AUSTRALIA

Over the last six years Jonny has spoken more than any other independent speaker in the same time frame. At the creation of this document Jonny has presented over 3,000 times.

He has spoken to some of the largest events in the southern hemisphere including; national young leaders day (NYLD) Massey University, AUT, and Cyber Conferences alongside facebook and twitter. He has qualifications in youth work and has worked with some of the largest youth initiatives in Australia including; RUOK, Generation Next, Headspace, Young Minds Matter and is in partnerships with Burnbright and Batyr under the leading Wellbeing umbrella. Jonny himself has worked with young people for over 15 years, been speaking for 15 years & full time touring speaking for over six years.

2. FUN & ENGAGING

Form his introduction to content & conclusion. Each sentence, story & point is planned to get maximum engagement. Jonny has a way of making content fun and making audiences laugh so that it may be remembered. He involves the audience; asking questions and interacting with them accordingly. Each audience is different and needs to feel like this message is for them. Students will be talking about the presentation to their parents and friends long after it is finished.

3. FACT BASED & CURRICULUM ALIGNED.

All Jonny's Health presentations have been checked & passed the Australian Educational & Analysis consulting standard. Jonny is 1 of 14 individuals who has been signed off through the E-Safety Commissioner of Australia for his work in Cyber Safety. His content has been based off not just his own surveys and countless interviews with psychologist and counsellors on each topic.

4. PRACTICAL POSITIVE TAKE AWAYS.

Too often presentations are just that; a presentation. Without a story to remember the point the point can be forgotten. Without story to link to a positive action point there's no reason for the story. Jonny has put these messages together in a way that always comes back to the practical & proven action points according to each topic. Students have often "recited the message at home to their parents".

Councillors and teachers are also encouraged to order free posters & other material which can help follow up the presentations.

5. HIS REAL WORLD STORY

Having disabilities including the reading ability of a 11 year old Jonny was expelled multiple times from school for fighting and other issues. After seeing a councillor and working through his insecurities he turned his grades around and went on to create multiple companies including co-founding a billion dollar company called Pushpay. Jonny is currently the CEO of Gamify & Postharvest Technologies. His aim is to build a platform he can influence more from. Less than 10% of his income comes from speaking yet most of his time is dedicated to this pursuit. "I continue to speak every week cause these are the messages I wish I heard when I was in school".

ABOUT JONNY

SMALL BEGINNINGS

Jonny Shannon is a International Tech entrepreneur & Motivational Speaker based in Gold Coast, Australia.

He grew up in South Auckland, New Zealand and found school extremely difficult, having undiagnosed dyslexia and other disabilities which led him to failing all his subjects and being bullied. After overreacting too many times, Jonny was finally expelled for fighting too much & not showing up to school. It wasn't until his last school that a counsellor took him aside to work through some of the key issues he was facing. The difference for Jonny was from "night to day".

He quickly turned his academic performance around and focused on his emotional well being. Surprised in the difference seeing a counsellor made, he committed to doing youth work to help other students like him in the future.

After a short time in the NZ Army, Jonny moved to Australia to become a qualified youth-worker. He later took some time off and co-started four companies; one of which was 'Pushpay', an app that helps people give to charities which went to be worth over $1 Billion. He took this success & resources to re-dedicate his life to full-time youth work, this time focusing on interviewing youth-psychologists & speaking at schools on various health topics.

OVER 3,000 PRESENTATION TO OVER 300 SCHOOLS

5 PRESENTATIONS

CYBER SAFTY *Parent Night Available

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS & BULLYING

The most sought after presentation for Schools in 2016-2026. Students will be drawn into this engaging talk by fun and memorable stories that don't just tell, but also show students how they can proactively make friends, protect their reputation, stop bullying, protect there digital footprint & much more. Over 90% of schools have requested this presentation again after hearing it. Jonny is a trusted eSafety provider.

GRIT *Parent Night Available

POSITIVE WELL BEING & RESILIENCE

A crash course on using grit and your character strengths. Students are encouraged to find out who they are, their gifts, talents & personality. Then students are encouraged to dig a little deeper, including understanding positive emotions, the power of vision, engagement and relationships, in order to flourish and live in flow.

MENTAL HEALTH

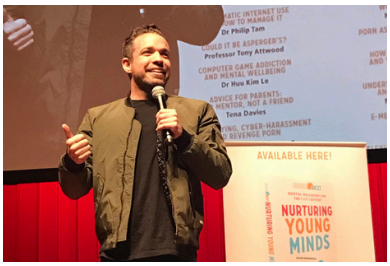
ANXIETY, STRESS & DEPRESSION

This presentation highlights the normality of mental health and gives practical tools on how to get through stress, depression and anxiety. This includes where to go for help and strategies for how to get through tough times covering the building blocks of a strong & positive mind.

VAPING, DRUGS & ALCOHOL

PSYCHOLOGY OF ADDICTION & PEER PRESSURE

"Don't do drugs!" It's a message that we've all heard, yet it seems least effective on the ones who really need to hear it! This talk takes a different tack, helping students to understand first and foremost what our core human needs are, how risky behaviour starts, how addiction is formed and continues. Students are then equipped with real-world stories & stats to stand up to peer pressure and make real informed decisions.



PERSONALISED PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCES & PD DAYS

Jonny specialises in delivering award-winning, personalised conference presentations that connect deeply with audiences. Known for blending expertise with humour and relatable stories, he tailors every talk to the event's theme and attendees' needs. With consistently glowing reviews, Jonny creates impactful sessions that inspire, engage, and leave lasting impressions on both organisers and participants.

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--- For More Info On Presentations Go To Jonnyshannon.com ---

TESTIMONIALS

WHAT SCHOOLS SAY ABOUT JONNY

"You've got to have him! ... I was astounded of the amount of kids that came & shook his hand afterwards. He's a bloke you've got to have"

Barker College, Sydney
John Doran,
Dean of Senior School

"Very enthused by Jonny's presentation… We're getting him back very soon!"

The Scots College, Sydney
Duncan Kendall,
Assistant Head

"Many parents said they felt like they were there during your presentation as the students recited everything you said from stage at home!"

Mueller College, Brisbane
Jessica Fowles,
Chaplain

WHAT CONFERENCES SAY ABOUT JONNY

"Jonny was a keynote speaker at our conference and spoke alongside policy directors of Facebook & Twitter. He received great feedback and I can personally say the information was relevant & helpful to our principals. I would recommend him to speak at other corporate environments or schools."

Bullying & Cyber Safety in Education
Vanessa Peres, Event Manager

"A full 30% of all feedback I received from delegates singled you out positively. This has never happened before. Thank you. We would like you to be a keynote speaker again this year."

Konnect Learning
Alinta Pilkington,
Conference Producer

"Jonny Shannon has a narrative and story which hit me so hard at the conference, and when I got him in for a session all staff and teachers said it was the best session we have had in years."
"Jonny had great practical advice for implementing school programs – this combined well with his personal story to make a truly powerful presentation."

Comments Left

Jonny Shannon has been approved as a certified online safety program provider (Certified Provider). Your school can use allocated funding from "Australian Government Online Safety Programmes in Schools to get Jonny to deliver his "Bullying & Online Safety" program in your School.

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TOP FAQS

WHAT IS THE PROCESS WHEN JONNY ARRIVES?

Jonny will arrive 30 minutes prior to the presentation unless otherwise stated. He will sign in and give a txt to the key contact with the number the school provides. Please have someone to meet him there so he can go to a room and check projector, sound and layout of room/hall.

WHAT DOES JONNY SHANNON REQUIRE FOR A PRESENTATION?

Projector for all presentations:
Jonny uses a MacBook but has all cables; VGA, HDMI, Thunderbolt & USB. He has Presentations in both PowerPoint & Keynote formate if you would like him to use your computer. He brings his own clicker. Please let us know if your projector does not work and he will bring his own.

Sound for selected presentations:
No sound is required for any presentations.

A microphone for large audiences:
If there are more than 100 students, please make sure there is a working microphone ready to use and it has been sound checked.

WHEN DOES OUR SCHOOL HAVE TO PAY FOR THE PRESENTATION?

To save time and make it more convenient for booking a presentation we do not require a deposit. The full amount is due 7 days prior to the presentation paid via Credit Card, PayPal, Direct Deposit (preferred).

HOW DOES JONNY SHANNON WANT TO BE INTRODUCED?

"We have asked a speaker to come to our school today. His is name Jonny Shannon. He will introduce himself" is the perfect introduction.

**Jonny uses stories to introduce himself and each presentation. I.e. He speaks on the importance of social skills & friendships before speaking about Bullying. This way students get on board with the presentation before it gets 'serious'. Being introduced as the 'Bullying Speaker' doesn't help with negative connotations. Thank you.

WHAT IF I HAVE TO POSTPONE OR CANCEL THE PRESENTATION AT THE LAST MINUTE?

Jonny Shannon has the following policy regarding cancellations:

Over 4 weeks notice: Cancellations of confirmed bookings can be made 4 weeks prior to the presentation date without penalty.

4 weeks notice: Cancellations within 8 weeks of the presentation date will incur 50% of the complete presentation fee.

1 weeks notice: Cancellations within 1 week of the presentation date will incur 100% of the complete presentation fee.

Adequate notice of no less than 4 weeks must be given if you are rescheduling your presentation. A new date must be secured at the time that you postpone the presentation otherwise the cancellation penalties will apply.

DO I PAY FOR TRAVEL COST?

If your school is outside of Gold Coast / Brisbane area we will quote you on travel expenses associated with the possible booking. If Jonny is unable to fly in and out of your local airport on the day of the presentation an additional cost for accommodation will be added to your presentation fee. This can be quoted to you at the time of your enquiry.

DO YOU WANT OUR TEACHERS TO PROVIDE A TESTIMONIAL OF THE PRESENTATION?

Jonny will ask teachers at the end of the presentation if they would like to give a short 10-15 second testimonial. Many schools have told us this is the reason they booked Jonny, after seeing so many testimonials. If they do not want to, that is fine too.

DOES JONNY SHANNON RECORD THE PRESENTATION?

Jonny doesn't record the presentations without previous permission of the school. However, it is always welcomed. Jonny likes to keep his presentations relevant and the biggest way he does this is by sending recordings of his recent presentations to his Curriculum Advisers and Contributors, whom he pays to ensure presentations remain up to-date. If the recording has 5-10 seconds of film which would be good for his promo video he will ask if he can use that, but it's not common.

CONTACT

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