

Drama

What is this subject about?

The Stage 5 syllabus in Drama draws on the contemporary practices of **making**, **performing** and **appreciating** drama. In their appreciation of drama and theatre, students experience the collaborative contribution of actors, directors, playwrights, designers and technicians to productions. An investigation into a range of technologies including traditional, electronic and digital applications may be used to achieve particular artistic intentions.

Course outcomes include:

- Making drama by manipulating the elements of drama in both individual and collaborative situations through improvisation and play-building activities to create belief, clarity and tension in character, role, situation and action.
- Performing self-devised and scripted drama expressively and collaboratively which is appropriate to purpose and audience.
- Appreciating the function of drama by responding to, evaluating and analysing the contribution of individuals and groups to dramatic processes and performances.

The Year 9 course involves an introduction to Drama.

The Year 10 course is entitled 'Mask and Production'.

Why study this subject?

Drama is a dynamic learning experience that caters for a diverse range of students and prepares them for effective and responsible participation in their society taking account of moral, ethical and spiritual considerations. The study of Drama engages and challenges students to maximise their individual talents through imaginative experiences created in cooperation with others. It assists students to develop positive self-concepts and to be self-motivated.

Learning experiences

Year 9 students create meaning in Drama by interacting physically, creatively and imaginatively through improvised, spontaneous and structured responses. They create meaning through their relationship with the audience. Experience of this engagement is essential in dramatic presentations. Both Years 9 and 10 Drama students produce an evening showcase of scenes from contemporary Australian plays for an invited audience of family and friends.