

Subject name	Drama
Subject code	DRA
Additional subject cost	Excursion costs may arise
Prerequisites	Nil
Course overview	Drama focuses on students expressing and communicating understandings about human issues and experience through the enactment of real and imagined events. While interacting in a range of roles, relationships, situations and contexts, students of Drama investigate feelings, actions and consequences. The subject allows students to develop confidence and self-awareness as they collaborate to prepare and present drama. Students also develop understanding of the forms, styles and purposes of drama in various contexts.

Course outline

Year 9

- elements of drama
- improvisation
- script writing
- text interpretation
- exploring forms, styles and conventions
- theatre of the world
- analysing
- performance skills
- mask making

Year 10

- elements of drama
- script writing
- acting skills
- performance skills
- text interpretation
- Shakespeare
- stage design
- directorial vision
- analysing
- costume design

Assessment The following is an indication of typical assessment items:

Year 9

- individual/small group performances of scripted texts
- improvisation
- script writing
- performance analysis
- character development

Year 10

- individual/small group performances of published scripts
- performance analysis
- dramaturgy's folio

Subject requirements Own 'theatre blacks' (black long pants and shirt for assessment). Teamwork is an essential part of this subject, thus the ability to work co-operatively in groups is an important attribute of students of Drama.

Career opportunities As a result of undertaking further studies in drama, students may be interested in pursuing a career in theatre. Drama is also an appropriate preparation for such tertiary courses as journalism, teaching, law and communications and for careers in the advertising and public relations field.