

DRAMA

Stage 5: Years 9-10 Subject Overview

Drama enables young people to develop knowledge, understanding and skills individually and collaboratively.

Students explore both familiar and unfamiliar aspects of their world while examining the ways people react and respond to different situations, issues and ideas.

In **Improvisation**, students learn how to work spontaneously to create characters and situations, explore ideas and issues, and use, and experiment with, dramatic elements and structures.

In **Playbuilding**, students learn to collaborate in devising original presentations using dramatic elements, structures and performance styles.

In **Acting**, students learn to perform drama and theatre to an audience. Acting can occur in both live performance before an audience and in the media of film and video and pre-recorded radio drama.

Students learn about the roles of the director and the designer. They learn how the **Elements of Production** (set, properties, costume, sound and lighting) can enhance a production.

In studying **scripted plays** students learn through experience. This occurs through practical workshops where they use dramatic and theatrical techniques appropriate to the tradition and style of the plays they study.



Benefits of Drama

1. Extends higher order thinking skills, which benefits every other subject
2. Increases ability to think creatively, imaginatively and divergently
3. Utilises teamwork and understanding of group dynamics
4. Boosts reflective writing, useful in many other subjects, including English