

# Drama

The following contains a description of the course we offer to students at St Marys Senior High. It is intended as a guide to help you select your subjects and you should read it carefully.

Please note:

- The details given represent the way that the course is delivered at St Marys Senior High and may involve different choices from the way other schools might operate the same course.
- Classes can only be formed where sufficient students select the particular course. The fact that a course is listed here is not a commitment to run the course in a particular year.
- The arrangements for particular courses are subject to change for a variety of reasons.

## Drama - Course Details

Units	Type	ATAR	Faculty Teaching This Course
2	Board Developed Course – Examinable at the HSC, marks can be used to count towards an ATAR	A – Counts towards an ATAR with no restrictions	Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)

### ***What will I be doing in this course?***

This course is designed for students who have an interest in making, performing and critically studying drama. Students engage with these components through collaborative and individual experiences.

The **Preliminary course** comprises an interaction between the components of Improvisation, Play-building and Acting, Elements of Production in Performance and Theatrical Traditions and Performance Styles.

The **HSC course** involves students in the study of a core topic area called **Australian Drama and Theatre** and one of a choice of topics from the content area **Studies in Drama and Theatre**. These topics will be explored through practical and theoretical approaches. There is also a compulsory Group Performance and Individual Project to complete for the HSC.

### ***What will I be able to do at the end of the course?***

Students will be able to:

- Make and perform different styles of drama
- Critically study drama and theatre
- Work both independently and with others in teams to plan and organise activities
- Solve problems
- Collect, analyse and organise information and communicate ideas and information

### ***How will this course help me in the future?***

The study of Drama will develop the talents and capabilities of all students – physical, emotional, intellectual, social, spiritual, creative and expressive – as well as developing self-confidence and self-esteem.

Drama also contributes to the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, which are highly valued in the workplace. These include critical and creative thinking, communication skills and cultural awareness.

The skills and knowledge acquired through the study of Drama may be further developed and employed in a variety of professions including, but not confined to, theatre, media, communications and community cultural development. The study of Drama can also earn you bonus points towards entry into some tertiary courses.