

# Why study Drama?

Subject guide 2013



## What is Drama all about?

Drama explores dramatic forms and styles, and the ways they are used to express and communicate human experience in different cultures, times and places.

You will use and develop your creativity, thinking skills and technical understandings about drama to imagine and explore behaviour, relationships, emotions and beliefs in different situations and contexts.

## What will you learn?

Drama has three important aspects: creating drama, presenting drama as an actor, and critiquing drama performances.

To build your knowledge, understandings and skills across each of these aspects, you will learn about elements of drama, skills of drama and the conventions of a variety of dramatic forms and styles, including Realism.

You will use the knowledge, understanding and skills you have learnt to:

- create drama in different forms and styles to communicate your ideas
- present drama performances to live audiences
- critique performances by professional companies.

## How will you learn?

In Drama you will work in groups and as an individual to learn and apply your knowledge, understandings and skills in different types of activities.

These activities include practical tasks, such as acting and directing, that allow you to demonstrate your ideas to your teacher and/or peers, and other non-practical tasks that allow you to present your ideas as written or spoken/signed work.

Practical work is the focus when presenting drama as an actor, and demonstrating drama you have formed and created.

Non-practical work is the focus when critiquing drama performances, and producing written and spoken/signed presentations of drama you have formed and created.

## How will you be assessed?

Assessment in Drama gives you opportunities to demonstrate your knowledge, understandings and skills in creating drama, performing as an actor, and critiquing professionally produced drama performances in a variety of forms and styles.

In Year 12, you will be expected to complete two assessments for each aspect of the course, some of which will require extended writing.



## How can parents/carers help?

Your parents/carers may help you by:

- discussing different views of current Drama issues with you
- encouraging and helping you find suitable websites, documentaries, journals and other resources
- encouraging you to take part in school-based activities, including field trips, and extracurricular activities
- offering their services as guest speakers if they are involved in this area of study or related industry
- encouraging safe and ethical behaviour
- contacting your school to establish communication with your teachers to help understand the work undertaken at senior level, and to become familiar with assessment requirements.

## Where can Drama take you?

This subject contributes four credits towards the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). If you would like to learn more about this certificate, please visit the QCE page on the QCAA website [www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/589.html](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/589.html).

A course of study in Drama can establish a basis for further education and employment in theatre, the broader arts industry and education.

For further information about future tertiary pathways, consult the QTAC Guide to Tertiary Courses [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au).

## More information

This subject guide relates to courses developed from the *Drama Senior Syllabus 2013*. If you would like more information, please visit the subject page on the QCAA website [www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/20325.html](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/20325.html) or email [senior.syllabuses@qcaa.qld.edu.au](mailto:senior.syllabuses@qcaa.qld.edu.au).