



**St Hilda's**  
ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA 2021 General Information

Speech and Drama lessons taught by members of the Speech and Drama Teachers Association of WA, are offered at St Hilda's as part of the cocurricular program for students in Years 4 to 6. These specialist teachers work with students on communication skills, building confidence in public speaking and the development of dynamic performance skills.

Other benefits of the Speech and Drama program include:

- Development of the voice – quality, power, range and expressiveness;
- Techniques for public speaking;
- The creation of detailed characters for performance;
- Scripted and improvisational performance skills; and
- Reading, exploring and performing pieces from many styles and periods of drama and literature.

### Class Details

#### **Option One: Exam Stream Speech and Drama classes once a week during school time**

**Junior School Exam Stream** students are encouraged to progress through an external Speech and Drama examination system. Teachers will be available to discuss examination opportunities with parents and students when suitable.

Exam Stream students have their lessons during school time on a **rotating timetable**. Students are only permitted to take one cocurricular lesson that entails leaving class during the school day. They cannot leave for both a Speech and Drama lesson and a musical instrument lesson.

If your daughter already has a music lesson scheduled during the school day, please email [speechanddrama@sthildas.wa.edu.au](mailto:speechanddrama@sthildas.wa.edu.au) to see if alternative arrangements can be made.

At the end of Semester One or early Semester Two, Exam Stream students will have the opportunity to perform in a Speech and Drama Showcase. The evening of rehearsed theatre pieces is a great opportunity for parents to meet with teachers and see their daughter's progress.

## **Option Two: Recreational Speech and Drama once a week after school classes**

If there are enough enrolments, after school **Recreational Speech and Drama** classes are offered to Junior School students in Years 4, 5 and 6. These are larger groups that explore Speech and Drama skills through a recreational program that does not involve examination preparation.

Students should take into consideration their other after school cocurricular commitments for summer and winter seasons when enrolling in the Recreational program.

### **Cost**

- **Recreational after school class (4 – 10 students per group)** – \$26 per student for a 1 hour lesson.
- **Paired/small group lessons** (maximum of 3 per group) – \$33 per student for a 45 minute lesson
- **Individual** - \$33 per 30 minute lesson

Each term there will be an average of 9 lessons per student.

To ensure all students benefit from a smaller, more detailed lesson, and to cover the exam curriculum effectively, classes are capped at the numbers mentioned above.

**Please note that enrolments are for the whole academic year.** Withdrawal notice terms are five weeks in advance. Please see attached Terms and Conditions for more information.

### **Contact**

For further information please contact the Speech and Drama Coordinator via email at [speechanddrama@sthildas.wa.edu.au](mailto:speechanddrama@sthildas.wa.edu.au) or phone 9285 4236. Staff are contactable during term time only.





## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA 2021 APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

STUDENT NAME ..... YEAR LEVEL 2021 .....

HOME PHONE ..... PARENT/GUARDIAN MOBILE .....

PARENT EMAIL .....

ADDRESS .....

PREFERRED SPEECH AND DRAMA TEACHER .....

NAMES OF SCHOOL FRIENDS PREFERRED IN GROUP (Please note that we will do our best to put friends together, but this cannot be guaranteed.)

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### LESSON PREFERENCE:

- Individual (Exam Stream - Trinity & AMEB examination option)
- 2 – 3 Pair or Small group (Exam Stream - Trinity & AMEB examination option)
- Recreational after school class (NO examination)
  - Year 4 Tuesday
  - Year 5 Wednesday
  - Year 6 Thursday

### Student Agreement:

I agree to take responsibility for the following –

1. Check the timetable for my lesson time.
2. Contact my Speech and Drama teacher in the event of illness or activity that could impact my lesson time.
3. Be prepared for all lessons.

### Parent/Guardian Agreement:

I have read and agree to the Terms & Conditions in the attached information sheet.

I am aware there is a five week notice charge (not inclusive of holiday periods) for cancellations of lessons.

I am aware that the lesson charges will occur once per term.

Parent/ Guardian Name ..... Date .....

Parent Signature .....

Student Signature .....

Please email completed form to [speechanddrama@sthildas.wa.edu.au](mailto:speechanddrama@sthildas.wa.edu.au) or return to the Junior School reception

## St Hilda's Speech and Drama Terms and Conditions

1. Lessons will be charged to your school account each term.
2. Enrolments are assumed to be for the entire school year unless otherwise notified.
3. A minimum of five **(5)** weeks written notice (this does not include holiday periods) is required from parents/guardians if they wish to discontinue lessons, change their teacher or lesson time. **Lessons will not be cancelled or changed until written authority is received from parents via email.** In this instance, please contact the Speech and Drama coordinator via email: [speechanddrama@sthildas.wa.edu.au](mailto:speechanddrama@sthildas.wa.edu.au) and CC the Speech and Drama teacher. Students are encouraged to continue lessons during the five week notice period as charges will occur whether attended or absent.
4. Students will be charged for missed lessons due to illness. However, in case of illness on the day of the lesson, out of courtesy **please phone your Speech and Drama teacher by 9:00am.** If you are unable to contact the Speech and Drama teacher directly via phone, please call or email the Drama Department. If possible, an alternative lesson may be arranged with the Speech and Drama teacher.
5. Fees may be waived if advance notice (more than one week) of absence is given. Students should endeavour to remind teachers of absences due to school camp, excursion, incursion, or exams so that the lesson can be re-arranged or fees waived.
6. In case of school subject interference with Speech and Drama lessons, such as assessments or assignments that are not outlined in the School Calendar, the parent and student are responsible for notifying the Speech and Drama teacher one **(1)** week in advance in order to arrange another lesson.
7. The School does not undertake make up lessons for classes missed through no fault of the individual teacher.
8. There may be additional costs associated with Speech and Drama during the year; this will vary according to student needs and requirements. Eg: exam fees, text books, competition entries.
9. Any drama texts or additional fees required should be arranged between the teacher and student. The teacher is required to forward this information to the parent.
10. Junior School students are only allowed to be excused from class for one cocurricular activity. E.g. Speech and Drama **OR** a music lesson.
11. Individual or paired lessons (Exam Stream) for Junior School students are only available during class time rotations. After school Recreational option is a large group only.
12. There is only one after school class per year group.
13. Enrolment forms for the following year will be issued in Term 4 and processed at the start of Term 1. All students need to re-enrol as lessons do not automatically rollover to the following year.

## Responsibility of Parents/Guardians

1. Encourage regular practise of skills taught in class according to the teacher's advice.
2. Remind your daughter of upcoming classes to ensure no unexpected absences.
3. Read and understand the guidelines about withdrawal notice periods as set out in the Terms & Conditions above.