



St Hilda's  
ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

## SENIOR 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 7 to 12. 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:

- The development of the voice – quality, power, range and expressiveness;
- The 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.

The program is extremely useful to students pursuing Drama in the senior years as it gives an opportunity to deepen their understanding of dramatic performance and theory and strengthen their vocal delivery skills.

At the end of Semester One or early Semester Two, Senior School 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.

### Class Details

Teachers work with Senior School students as individuals, in pairs or in small groups **once a week after school in term time.**

During busy times, including the major school production, teachers will do their best to rearrange lessons with the appropriate notice. Students should seriously consider their after school cocurricular commitments for summer and winter seasons when arranging their lesson, as it is difficult to change lesson times. Parents and students are responsible for informing their teacher of any conflicting school or cocurricular activities that arise during the school year.

Students are encouraged to progress through an external Speech and Drama examination system or may decide to have lessons without a commitment to exams. Teachers will be available to discuss examination opportunities with parents and students when suitable.

### **Cost**

- **Small group lessons (3 – 5 students per group)** - \$33 per student for a 1 hour lesson
- **Paired lesson** - \$33 per student for a 45 minute lesson
- **Individual** - \$43 per 45 minute lesson

Each term there will be an average of 10 lessons per student. Additional lessons during exam times may be arranged with the Speech & Drama teacher.

To ensure all students benefit from a smaller more detailed lesson and to cover the exam curriculum effectively, classes are capped at a maximum of 5 students per group.

**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 Senior School 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.





## SENIOR SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA 2021 APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

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

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

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL .....

ADDRESS .....

PREFERRED SPEECH AND DRAMA TEACHER .....

UNAVAILABLE DAY(s) .....

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 (Trinity & AMEB examination option)
- Pair or Small group (Trinity & AMEB examination option)

**Student Agreement:**

I agree to take responsibility for the following –

1. Check the timetable for my lesson time.
2. Contact my 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 Drama Department.

## 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 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.** Please contact the Speech and Drama coordinator via: [speechanddrama@sthildas.wa.edu.au](mailto:speechanddrama@sthildas.wa.edu.au) and CC in 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 Senior School 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 student is responsible to notify the Speech and Drama teacher one (**1**) week in advance in order to arrange another lesson.
7. The School does not undertake to 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. E.g. 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. 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 roll over 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.