



St Hilda's

ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Speech and Drama – Cocurricular Subject 2016

General Information

Speech and Drama is offered at St Hilda's as part of the co-curricular program for students in Year 4 to Year 12. Lessons are taught by specialist teachers who work with the students either in individual classes, paired classes or small groups. On average there are nine lessons per term. Please note that enrolments are for the whole academic year. This allows students to progress through the course effectively and progress in their study of Speech and Drama. Students should therefore seriously consider their after-school sporting days for summer and winter, when arranging their lesson time.

Benefits of taking Speech and Drama include an increase in confidence, communication, public speaking skills and acting ability. The individual or small group situation enables intensive work on each student's specific strengths and weaknesses.

Once a year, students perform a Speech & Drama Showcase; this is an evening of rehearsed theatre pieces. The Showcase is a great opportunity for parents to see their daughters perform.

Students may progress through the external Speech and Drama exam system (as with Music) or can take lessons without doing exams.

The program focuses on:

- Development of the voice – its quality, power, range and expressiveness
- The techniques and confidence for public speaking
- Skills of characterisation for acting
- Solo performance, both scripted and improvisational
- Reading and performing pieces from many styles and periods of drama and literature
- Speech Theory

Senior School

The program is extremely useful to students pursuing Drama in the senior years as it gives an opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of dramatic performance and theory as covered in the drama curriculum.

All Senior School classes are scheduled for after school. During busy times including the school production, teachers will do their best to re-arrange lessons.

Junior School

Junior School students have their lessons during the school day on a rotating timetable. Please note that Junior School students are only permitted to take one subject that entails leaving class during the school day, i.e. they cannot leave for both a Speech and Drama lesson and a musical instrument lesson. If they wish to do both these subjects, one lesson will need to be arranged for lunchtime or before or after school. Lunchtime classes are limited and requests cannot always be accommodated. Lunchtime classes are for Year 6 students only.

If enough applications are received, there are two after-school large groups for students in Years 5 and 6. These classes are more recreational and do not involve exam work.

Cost

Costs

After school large groups (Years 5 and 6)	\$23 per lesson
Paired or group lessons (max. 4 per group)	\$31 per lesson
Individual (30 minutes – Junior School)	\$34 per lesson
Individual (45 minutes – Senior School)	\$40 per lesson

For further information please contact the Drama department by email at SpeechandDrama@sthildas.wa.edu.au or phone 9285 4236. Forms are available at the Junior School Reception and from the Senior School Drama Department.

APPLICATION FOR SPEECH AND DRAMA LESSONS 2016

Please return this form to St Hilda's Drama Department
Lessons will commence in Week 3 of Term 1

STUDENT NAME

YEAR HOME PHONE PARENT'S MOBILE

PARENT'S EMAIL

CONTACT PERSON

TUTOR

Lessons will be charged to your School account once per term.

Preference for Lessons

Individual Lessons

Paired or Group Lessons

After-school large group (Years 5 and 6)

Senior School Students

Please advise the days after school that you **cannot** attend lessons

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Comments or requests (e.g. lesson partner)

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All individual and paired lessons for Junior School girls take place during school on a rotating timetable.
Please do not request lunchtime lessons for students younger than Year 6 as this is not possible.

Parent/Guardian Agreement:

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

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent Signature Date



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Terms and Conditions

1. Lessons will be charged to your school account each term.
2. A minimum of five weeks written notice is required from parents if they wish to discontinue lessons or if they wish to change their speech & drama teacher. Lessons will not be cancelled or changed until written authority is received from parents. Please send an email to SpeechandDrama@sthildas.wa.edu.au or a letter to the Drama Department. Students are encouraged to continue lessons during this notice period.
3. The five weeks' notice period does NOT include school or public holidays. i.e. You are required to pay for five more lessons once notice has been received.
4. Students are required to enrol for a minimum of one term.
5. In case of illness on the day of the lesson, please phone your daughter's speech & drama teacher by 9.00am. If you are unable to contact the speech & drama teacher please phone the Drama Department. Failure to inform the speech & drama teacher or the Drama Department before 9.00am will result in the student being charged for the lesson.
6. If a subject assessment or examination has been scheduled at the same time as a speech and drama lesson, then it is your daughter's responsibility to contact her teacher at least 24 hours in advance in order to arrange an alternative lesson.
7. Your daughter's speech & drama teacher must be advised at least one week in advance if a student cannot attend a lesson for reasons such as a school camp, excursion or incursion.
8. Lessons will be charged for non-attendance without notification as outlined in the above points.
9. The School does not undertake to make up lessons for classes missed through no fault of the individual teacher.
10. Enrolment forms for the following year will be issued in Term 4. All students need to re-enrol as lessons do not automatically continue in the next year.
11. There may be other costs associated with speech & drama lessons during the year; this will vary according to student needs and requirements e.g. exam fees, text books.
12. Any drama texts required should be arranged between the teacher and the student. The Drama Department will order texts for boarders only and these will be charged to the boarder's school account.
13. Junior School students are only allowed to be excused from class for one co-curricular activity e.g. speech and drama lessons or music lessons. Therefore, if your daughter is currently attending instrumental music lessons during class time, she will only be able to attend speech and drama lessons after school.