

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA 2025

### General Information

Speech and Drama lessons are offered at St Hilda's as part of the cocurricular program for students in Years 4 to 6. Specialist peripatetic staff from the Speech & Drama Teachers Association of WA 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. Full year enrolment.**

**Junior School Exam Stream** classes can be taken as an individual, pair or small group. Students are encouraged to progress through an external Speech and Drama examination system 'AMEB'. Teachers will be available to discuss examination opportunities with parents and students when suitable, with exam enrolment information sent out in Semester Two.

Similar to individual music lessons, Exam Stream students ideally 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.** We can also arrange for classes to be during lunch or before school depending on staff availability. However please be aware that this cannot be guaranteed.

At the end of Semester One 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. Term by Term enrolments are possible, but must be specified at the time of enrolment, otherwise a full year enrolment is assumed.

**2025 Year 4** Rec – Wednesday 3:20pm – 4:20pm

**2025 Year 5** Rec – Tuesday 3:20pm – 4:20pm

**2025 Year 6** Rec – Thursday 3:20pm – 4:20pm

### Cost

- **Paired/small group exam stream lessons (2-5 students per group)** – \$37 per student for a 45 minute lesson (9 week term = \$333)
- **Individual lesson** – \$37 per 30 minute lesson (9 week term = \$333)
- **Recreational after school class (4-15 students)** – \$30 per student for a 1 hour lesson. (9 week term = \$270)

Each term there will be approximately 9-10 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.

### Billing

At the end of Term One (early April) you will be billed for the whole of Semester One which is effectively the lessons you will have already received in Term One plus the advance payment for Term Two lessons. The same process will occur at the end of Term Three (late September) for Semester Two.

Where a student receives fewer lessons (e.g. due to camps, advanced notice of absence etc) or extra lessons (e.g. by special request for exam preparation etc) then this will be adjusted on the end of semester billing. Where a student withdraws mid-term, the 5 week notice period will still apply and the end of semester account will be credited or debited to reflect the balance of lessons.

### Contact

*\*\*Please note that Speech and Drama classes will not begin until Week 3 of Term 1 in 2025.*

For further information please contact the Speech and Drama Coordinator via [email](mailto:speechanddrama@sthildas.wa.edu.au) at [speechanddrama@sthildas.wa.edu.au](mailto:speechanddrama@sthildas.wa.edu.au) or phone 9285 4100. Staff are contactable during term time only.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA 2025 APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

STUDENT NAME ..... YEAR LEVEL 2025 .....

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

PARENT NAME & EMAIL (please put down all names/email addresses that would like to be contacted throughout the year in regards to Speech and Drama)

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PREFERRED SPEECH AND DRAMA TEACHER .....

**UNAVAILABLE** DAYS / TIMES.....

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

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IS THE STUDENT TAKING PART IN A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT LESSON IN 2025? (During class time) .....

### LESSON PREFERENCE:

- Individual (**Full year Enrolment**, Exam Stream - AMEB examination option.)
- 2 – 5 student small group (**Full year enrolment**, Exam Stream - AMEB examination option)
- Recreational after school class (NO examination)      \_\_\_ Full Year      \_\_\_ Term/s only

### 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 at the end of Term One and Term Three for the entire Semesters.

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

Parent Signature .....

Student Signature .....

Please email completed form to [speechanddrama@sthildas.wa.edu.au](mailto:speechanddrama@sthildas.wa.edu.au) by **Friday 31<sup>ST</sup> January 2025.**

## St Hilda's Speech and Drama 2025 Terms and Conditions

1. The availability of classes and our capacity to accommodate students depend on the year's scheduling and staffing availability. Please note that students and classes will be allocated based on the order in which enrolment forms are received. Unfortunately, we cannot always guarantee class placement, and submitting this application form does not automatically secure a spot for your child.
2. Lessons will be charged to your school account as stated above under 'Billing' – at the end of Term One (for the entire of Semester 1) and at the end of Term Three (for the entire of Semester 2.) Accounts will be balanced at the end of each semester in the case of fewer/ extra classes taken.
3. Enrolments are for the entire School year unless otherwise notified.
4. 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.
5. Students will be charged for missed lessons without notice. Fees may be waived if advance notice (more than one week) of absence is given. Parents must let the Speech and Drama co-ordinator and teacher know of absences due to school camp, excursion, incursion, out of school activities or exams that clash, so that the lesson can be re - arranged or fees waived. If your child is unwell, please provide notice as soon as possible, notice of illness given the day of class will result in a charged lesson.
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. Please liaise with the Speech & Drama Coordinator if you child wishes to attend both. Please be aware that the School may not be able to accommodate all students outside of rotational class times due to teacher and classroom availabilities.
  
11. Individual or paired/ group lessons (Exam Stream) for Junior School students are only available before/ during class time rotations. After school Recreational option is a large group only.
  
12. There is only one after school class per year group, unless there is a need and availability for a second class.
  
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.