

Drama in Practice

Applied senior subject

Applied

Drama in Practice gives students opportunities to plan, create, adapt, produce, perform, appreciate and evaluate a range of dramatic works or events in a variety of settings.

Students participate in learning activities that apply knowledge and develop creative and technical skills in communicating meaning to an audience.

Students learn essential workplace health and safety procedures relevant to the drama and theatre industry, as well as effective work practices and industry skills needed by a drama practitioner.

Pathways

A course of study in Drama in Practice can establish a basis for further education and employment in the drama and theatre industry in areas such as performance, theatre management and promotions.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students should:

- identify and explain dramatic principles and practices
- interpret and explain dramatic works and dramatic meanings
- demonstrate dramatic principles and practices
- apply dramatic principles and practices when engaging in drama activities and/or with dramatic works
- analyse the use of dramatic principles and practices to communicate meaning for a purpose
- use language conventions and features and terminology to communicate ideas and information about drama, according to purposes
- plan and modify dramatic works using dramatic principles and practices to achieve purposes
- create dramatic works that convey meaning to audiences
- evaluate the application of dramatic principles and practices to drama activities or dramatic works.

Structure

The Drama in Practice course is designed around core and elective topics.

Core	Electives
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dramatic principles• Dramatic practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acting (stage and screen)• Career pathways (including arts entrepreneurship)• Community theatre• Contemporary theatre• Directing• Playbuilding
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scriptwriting• Technical design and production• The theatre industry• Theatre through the ages• World theatre

Assessment

For Drama in Practice, assessment from Units 3 and 4 is used to determine the student's exit result, and consists of *four* instruments, including:

- at least one project, arising from community connections
- at least one performance (acting), separate to an assessable component of a project.

Project	Performance	Product	Extended response	Investigation
A response to a single task, situation and/or scenario that contains two or more components.	A technique that assesses the physical demonstration of identified skills.	A technique that assesses the production of a design solution.	A technique that assesses the interpretation, analysis/examination and/or evaluation of ideas and information in provided stimulus materials.	A response that includes locating and using information beyond students' own knowledge and the data they have been given.
<p>At least two different components from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written: 500–900 words • spoken: 2½–3½ minutes • multimodal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – non-presentation: 8 A4 pages max (or equivalent) – presentation: 3–6 minutes • performance onstage (stage acting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 2–4 minutes: individual – 1½–3 minutes: group • performance onstage (screen acting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 2–3 minutes: individual – 1½–2 ½ minutes: group • performance offstage (directing, designing) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 4–6 minutes: individual (excluding actors delivering text) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acting performance (stage) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 3–5 minutes: individual – 2–4 minutes: group • acting performance (screen) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 2½–3½ minutes: individual – 2–3 minutes: group • directing performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 5–7 minutes: individual (excluding actors delivering text) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • variable conditions 	<p>Presented in one of the following modes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written: 600–1000 words • spoken: 3–4 minutes • multimodal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – non-presentation: 10 A4 pages max (or equivalent) – presentation: 4–7 minutes. 	<p>Presented in one of the following modes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written: 600–1000 words • spoken: 3–4 minutes • multimodal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – non-presentation: 10 A4 pages max (or equivalent) – presentation: 4–7 minutes.

Project	Performance	Product	Extended response	Investigation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• workshop performance (other): variable conditions• product: variable conditions.				