

# Drama FAQs

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## HOW OFTEN DOES MY CHILD PARTICIPATE IN DRAMA CLASSES?

Students participate in Drama class for one semester each year, timetabled at four 50-minute lessons per two-week cycle.

## WHAT IS MY CHILD LEARNING?

We include four key components for Drama:

- Introducing new drama practices;
- Exploring and expressing ideas theatrically;
- Responding to and interpreting theatre;
- Presenting and performing newly acquired drama skills.

We explore action and movement to communicate time, place, objects and story to an audience. The core concepts underpinning mime, movement and non-verbal communication are examined through viewing and responding to both recorded and live performances. Students develop character, build empathy through role-play and improvisation, and engage in both solo and collaborative group work. They also deepen their understanding of their own bodies and how to use them to express feelings, thoughts and ideas. These skills benefit students not only as performers but also as individuals navigating complex relationships—highlighting the power of words and actions in communicating with purpose and clarity.

## WHAT KEY SKILLS IS MY CHILD DEVELOPING?

Drama is uniquely positioned to engage young people in developing key 21st-century skills for life, including confidence, cooperation, critical and creative thinking, empathy and more. Through embodied learning, deep thinking and spontaneous imaginative play, students explore how to communicate ideas effectively to an audience. They build foundational knowledge in performance and expressive skills, text analysis, improvisation and collaborative theatre-making.

## HOW DO I ACCESS FEEDBACK ABOUT MY CHILD'S PROGRESS?

Parents can view their child's progress, feedback and assessment results via the Hive Learning Management System. As students only have two classes a week and are undertaking extended project-based learning activities, graded feedback will be available once each term and supported through Learning Behaviours feedback. Should you have any concerns about your child's progress you may contact the teacher via the classes tab on your child's profile page (accessed by clicking on their name on the Hive Dashboard).

## WHAT DOES A SUCCESSFUL DRAMA STUDENT LOOK LIKE?

A successful student demonstrates their understanding by confidently using space and expressive skills to communicate precise locations, objects and narratives. They thoughtfully analyse professional performances and articulate meaningful responses. Through collaboration, they develop detailed characters and empathetic scenarios using improvisation, scripted drama and role-play. They also use their bodies effectively to convey distinct emotions, physical weights, relationships and ideas across varied theatrical contexts.

