

Speech and Drama Tuition Extra Subjects 2026

What are the benefits of studying Extra Speech and Drama?

This program aims to:

- develop effective speech and communication skills
- build self-confidence and self-esteem
- encourage an appreciation and love of literature and the Arts
- provide the student with an opportunity to participate in Drama where she can develop appropriate skills and talents
- develop the whole person both personally and artistically
- perform for a stage audience

Classes

Classes are conducted both within the school day and after school from 3.30pm and are available for students from Year 4 through to Year 12. We offer two types of classes: Individual and Pairs.

Due to the nature and rigour of the program, students studying higher levels or in Years 10, 11 or 12 are offered individual lessons to ensure sufficient time for examination preparation.

Examinations

Students are encouraged to participate in external examinations. These examinations provide focus and goals for students learning and provide valuable feedback to the student's skill development. Candidates are examined by a representative of the examining body.

Depending upon the area studied, students may perform selected pieces, demonstrate skills such as sight reading, improvisation and impromptu speaking. Candidates are also required to answer set theory questions relating to techniques and literary/theatrical context. These examinations incur an additional fee payable to the examination board and are held during the year. In the upper year levels (Years 10-12), students may also receive credit points on their QCE.

Opportunities to Perform

Students are encouraged to perform regularly to develop these skills. The program runs two Twilight Concerts a year and encourages the students to enter the Gold Coast Eisteddfod and the Somerset Young Performers Festival.

How to Enrol

Please complete the [Online Enrolment Form](#), indicating your preferred type of class, days and times of tuition.

**For further information contact the Music Department
via email drama@sthildas.qld.edu.au
or phone (07) 5577 7235**

Terms and Conditions – Enrolment Information

- Please carefully consider the Speech and Drama tuition your daughter (Years 4 -12) wishes to pursue, as enrolment is essentially a commitment for the duration of an entire year. Requests for withdrawal from tuition for Semester 2 are only possible if notice is received in writing by the end of Semester 1. Withdrawal from tuition at the end of Terms 1 or 3 is not possible.
- Should due notice of withdrawal not be given, please understand you will be charged for a minimum of 50% of the remaining tuition fees for the year in lieu of notice.
- Timetable of classes will be determined in advance. The timetable will be determined upon the principles of time of receipt of the enrolment form, the age of the student, the requested class, the grade and syllabus studied. Due to constraints of the curriculum program and the availability of teachers, this timetable cannot be altered throughout the year.
- Allocation of paired lessons will be determined according to comparability of age, grade studied and teacher availability. Should a suitable paired arrangement not be available, students may be offered an individual place at the corresponding individual lesson fee. Students in Years 10-12 will only be timetabled for individual lessons due to the level and rigor of syllabus studied.
- Lessons will only be timetabled and commence after payment has been received.

Fees

Fees are calculated per semester. Each semester consists of 15 lessons.

Fee Schedule 2025:

\$685.00 – Individual Lessons per semester (15 x 30-minute lessons)

\$385.00 – Pair Lessons per semester (15 x 30-minute lessons – 2 students per class)

Tuition fees are payable in advance through the Parent Lounge Portal. Once enrolments have been processed you will receive an invitation to accept and make payment. Payment of fees is expected before lessons are commenced in Semester 1 and Semester 2.

Absentees from Lessons

The Speech and Drama teacher OR drama@sthildas.qld.edu.au MUST be notified if and when students are unable to keep a specific lesson time. Lessons will only be rescheduled if 24 hours' notice of unavailability is received due to exceptional circumstances. Lessons missed due to illness, extended holidays or insufficient notice cannot be rescheduled or credited.

The 15-lesson allocation per semester takes into account public holidays, year level camps, and compulsory School calendar events such as QG Swimming. When one student of a Pair lesson is absent, the lesson cannot be made up for that student. If there is insufficient notice of missing lessons and/or the student fails to present to a lesson, a parent/carer will be contacted, and the lesson charged.

No refunds are available. Should injury or extended illness prevent a student from completing their scheduled lessons, consideration of an application for credit for the next term will be considered with the submission of a doctor's certificate.

Equipment

Students are required to have an A4 display book for classes, pencil and highlighters. It is essential that these be brought to each lesson. Students are also required to bring their Student Diary as this allows teacher-parent communication when necessary. Further, students in the upper grades also need to purchase texts to support the theoretical component of their study. This will be determined upon a needs basis and will be charged to parents accordingly.