

Arts Academy Drama Program



The Arts Academy Drama program at Helensvale State High is designed to provide students of Drama an extension on their knowledge, skills and abilities in a variety of Dramatic styles across Years 7 to 9. This three year program not only ensures the skill development, extension and practical application of Drama, but also promotes an academic supportive program that will lay the foundations of preparing students for their senior schooling years.



Over the three year course students in the Arts Academy Drama program are involved in exploring and extrapolating the fundamental Elements of Drama and explore multiple genres including, Realism, Documentary Drama and current trends in Performance. Students are assessed on their knowledge and understanding of Dramatic Performance and are given the opportunity to Create, Present and Respond on their own and the work of Professional Artists. Students are encouraged to work individually and collaboratively in Drama.

The Arts Academy Drama program understands the importance of education beyond the classroom, and as such we ensure students are challenged and exposed to a range of learning experiences to consolidate and extend upon what is taught in the classroom. The program does this by providing opportunities for students to workshop with a range of industry professionals and including actors, writers and directors to shape dramatic experiences that explore the world we live in. Students showcase their dramatic abilities in a showcase evening during the year.

If students make it through the first stage of the Application Process they may be invited to attend a trial. Trialling does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

ALUMNI QUOTE

Alex Burrie – 2005 Graduate

I graduated from the Dance and Drama Excellence subjects in 2005 at HSHS. I wanted to be part of the most outstanding Performing Arts programs on the coast offered back in 2001 when I started high school. The musicals, Rock Eisteddfods, Cheer Squad and Drama Festivals and the excellence classes were my world. I have the fondest memories from my days at school with all the Art Department teachers. Not only have I graduated with Honours from a dual degree in Creative Industries and Secondary Ed, but I've established my teaching persona from the teachers that made my schooling more than just classroom assessment. Your passion for the Arts, professionalism and love for your job and your students has always stayed with me throughout my career. Now, I've been teaching Drama, and introduced Dance at my College, for the past 6 years, while also dancing professionally on the side and being highly involved in local theatre productions. As Head of Subject for Dance at my College, I still rave about my HSHS education and base my teaching and co-curricular management of the choir, musicals, dance eisteddfods and school function productions off the standards set by my days at HSHS. I can't even begin to describe the impact the Excellence classes of HSHS have had in my life. I am beyond grateful. Thank you

NB. An application fee is attached to this program and must be paid on submission.