

# DRAMA

Drama is one of the oldest art forms known and its collaborative nature as an art form provides students with opportunities to learn to manage the processes of drama and the interpersonal and intra-personal skills required to work effectively, both individually and in groups. Such skills are essential to give students, in a changing society, a critically active orientation necessary to play a full part in their own culture, the culture of others and the world of work.

**Drama at Aspley State High School is an Authority subject** and aims:

- to develop knowledge and understanding of drama across a variety of forms and contexts
- to enable students to explore the links between their own creativity and culture
- to assist students to achieve their unique potential through the arts
- to promote confidence; development of self-esteem

## CONTENT

Drama is experienced in the following dimensions:

- forming (structuring processes to explore drama)
- presenting (performance based skills)
- responding (critically evaluating the work of Self and others).

*NOTE: The responding dimensions contains lengthy critical evaluations, which may challenge some students.*

**UNITS OF WORK COVERED** include:

- Ritual
- Realism
- Australian Drama
- Commedia del arte
- Shakespeare
- Theatre of conscience
- Extended Study
- Absurd Drama

## ASSESSMENT

- group performances
- monologues
- evaluations of live theatre
- whole class presentations
- assignments
- script writing

Students who undertake Senior Drama will be required to attend rehearsals outside of class time. Evening excursions will also be an important component of this course and a small cost will apply to attend these excursions.