SUBJECT NAME: Year 8 Drama  Subject Code: DRA

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:  Mrs Belinda Riles

SUBJECT OUTLINE:
Drama is a practical based subject which sees the usual constraints of desks and chairs being removed for your child to experience a different form of learning. Drama allows your child to experience their creativity and imagination through three main dimensions of assessment: Creating; Presenting and Responding. The subject Drama is an excellent tool in developing your child’s team work skills and communication skills. The aim of Drama is to develop the self-esteem and confidence in your child in a fun, safe and creative manner.

Drama is also a valuable subject to undertake in terms of its cross curricular associations, in particular in developing your child’s everyday literacies and language skills, along with their knowledge and use of ICT’s within the classroom.

CONTRIBUTES TO OP:
NA for JSS subjects. Drama can be undertaken as a Senior Board Subject (OP eligible).

ASSESSMENT OUTLINE:
Students will learn about the art of Drama in a fun and safe school environment. Drama is mainly a practical subject with students concentrating on developing their team work and communication skills. The course will cover the following topics:

- Scriptwriting – students will explore the elements of what makes a good script for live theatre, and what themes suit a youth based target audience.
- Improvisation – in the realm of Theatre Sports, students will engage in on-the-spot drama, focusing on the genre of producing comedy.
- Clowning – students will learn about the 3 different types of clowns and write and perform a clowning show suitable for a live audience of Prep students.
- The Elements of Drama – through playing games and participating in group workshops, students will review the Elements of Drama – that is – the essence of what makes a good piece of theatre for a live audience.

CAREER PATHWAYS:
A small selection of career pathways includes the following: Actor, Artistic Director, Producer, Film & TV Director, Audio-visual Technician, Scriptwriter, Stage Manager, Designer, Public Relations Officer, Teacher, Critic, Set Designer, Makeup artist.

COSTS: Nil

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS/PREREQUISITES:
Students do not need to have studied Drama previously. Year 8 Drama is a fun filled subject which any student of any ability, can access.