

# Specialist Contemporary Drama

A Department of Education endorsed Specialist Program



**Belmont City College offers your child the opportunity to access a Department of Education endorsed Specialist Contemporary Drama program that is at the forefront of Dramatic Arts education in WA public schools.**

In 2022, a ten-week Drama program *Centre Stage* will be offered to students in our local intake primary schools. Students participating in the *Centre Stage* program may also be selected to apply for our Specialist Contemporary Drama program in 2023. An alternative entry to the Specialist Contemporary Drama program is via the application form included in our enrolment package. Please ensure you complete all sections of the application and include the relevant school reports required before submission.

## Opportunities in Specialist Contemporary Drama

- An annual Drama Camp
- After school Drama classes
- Scripted productions
- Access to an extensive costume and prop department
- Operation in lighting, sound and special effects equipment
- Open classroom events for parents and friends
- Working with industry professionals, actors and performance artists
- Arts Week performances (boasting audiences over 1000)
- The Drama Festival for Primaries (boasting audiences over 3000)
- Building confidence in reading aloud, public speaking and oral presentation
- Building communication skills and self confidence
- Teaching empathy and appreciation for people, culture and the arts.



## More about Specialist Contemporary Drama

This is a unique program for students who are gifted and talented in the performing arts. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in large scale public performances, including the Drama Festival for Primary Schools, where show seasons reach up to 16 fully booked performances with over 3000 children and community members attending.





## Drama in 2022

In 2021, a new multi-million dollar theatre opened at the College. Students accepted into the Specialist Contemporary Drama program for 2023 will perform in this state of the art facility. All Specialist Drama students will have access to the latest theatre technologies, including lighting, sound mixers, 3D digital projection mappers, smoke and hazers, set, props and our substantial costume department.



## Drama Pathways

The pathways to upper school include both General and ATAR options. Belmont City College has a history of exceptional student achievement in Year 12 Drama, that is a direct result of the success of our lower school program and extra-curricular options. The Drama Master Class is our flagship program that is offered to students from the end of Year 9 through to Year 12. This unique production class runs after school hours and provides a wonderful opportunity to participate in public productions. Specially selected students from the Drama Master Class are also invited to participate in our Drama Leaders program at our annual Drama Camp. Whilst not all students in Drama have aspirations to become actors, additional support is provided to those who would like to develop a portfolio for professional work, seek paid acting jobs or who aim to audition for the West Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) or the National Institute of Dramatic Arts. We have successfully had students audition for and gain entry into WAAPA in 2017 and 2018 and NIDA in 2021.



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