







Who?

- This syllabus provides opportunities for students to develop a range of skills and the opportunity to concentrate on areas of personal interest.
- It is designed for students who have completed the Drama Years 7–10 Elective course and for those who are studying Drama for the first time.





Can I study Drama in Year 11 if I failed the Junior Course?

- At Waverley College, it is Department policy, that boys who enter the Preliminary Course who have studied Drama in the junior years, have at a minimum, at least passed the course.
- You should have achieved in the top 40% of Yr 10 Drama and/or English to study Senior Drama.

 It will be up to the Head of Department's discretion as to whether boys are approved to study Drama in the Senior years.







Preliminary Drama



What will we learn in Year 11?

The Assessment Components and Weightings set down by the Board of Studies are:

- Improvisation (work spontaneously to create characters and situations),
- Playbuilding (learn to collaborate in devising original presentations using dramatic elements)

- Acting (students learn to perform drama and theatre to an audience)
- Elements of Production in Performance Performance uses the elements of production to communicate a scripted or unscripted drama to an audience.



Theatrical Traditions and Performance Styles

- Students learn about the History of Theatre by looking at the development of theatre as an art form throughout the ages, experientially.
- Workshop activities = 60%
- Written reflections = 40



Drama HSC Course

The HSC course comprises:

- Australian Drama and Theatre (Core component)
- Studies in Drama and Theatre
- the Group Performance (Core component)
- the Individual Project.



Australian Drama and Theatre (Core component)

- Every student in the State has to study Australian Drama.
- At Waverley College we study "Dramatic Traditions in Australia" and study David Williamson's "The Removalists" as well as "No Sugar" by Jack Davis

 For Studies in Drama and theatre boys either study "Black Comedy" or "Approaches to Acting" depending on their teacher.



The Group Performance (Core component)

Each student learns to collaborate with a group to devise and perform in a piece of original theatre. They learn how to work cooperatively in creating dramatic works.

The Group Performance will be a piece of original theatre which:

- is a complete theatrical statement demonstrating a sense of dramatic shape and structure
- provides opportunity for each student to demonstrate his or her performance skills
- is performed by no fewer than three and no more than six students
- is 8–12 minutes in duration.



The Individual Project

The Individual Project will take one of the following forms:

- Critical Analysis
- Design
- Performance
- Scriptwriting
- Video Drama



Critical Analysis

- Director's Folio- This project comprises a folio of work based on one of the texts listed on the current Design/Critical Analysis text list.
- Portfolio of Theatre Criticism This project comprises four reviews of live theatre performances attended during the HSC course.
- Applied Research Project This project will take the form of a structured report on the results of an investigative research.



Design

- Lighting This project includes lighting plans and supporting materials based on one of the texts listed on the current Design/Critical Analysis text list.
- Promotion and Program This project includes the development of a poster, program and promotional materials based on one of the texts listed on the current Design/Critical Analysis text list
- Set This project includes the development of a three-dimensional model, plans and supporting materials based on one of the texts listed on the current Design/Critical Analysis text list.



Individual projects continued...

- Performance This project involves the development of a solo performance/monologue which is 6-8 minutes long.
- Scriptwriting This project involves the development of a script for a complete play for live performance.
- Video Drama This project involves the development of a short video drama which is a narrative developed by the student.





Guys and Dolls 2019 at NIDA