

Drama Scholarship

Fact Sheet – 2025 entry



St John's Grammar School is offering Drama Scholarships to students not currently attending the Secondary School, entering into the Middle School (Years 7-9) or Senior School (Years 10 – 12) in 2025, who display excellence and/or outstanding potential in Drama. Students currently attending St John's Grammar Junior School who will enter the Middle School in 2025 are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

St John's Grammar School has a highly successful Drama program, and students are consistently provided with large practical performance opportunities within the school, wider community and around Australia.

Drama Scholarship Criteria

Students applying for a Drama Scholarship should be able to demonstrate a sound understanding and knowledge of creating and presenting dramatic works, and an ability to perform with confidence; demonstrating focused and highly effective communication skills and stage craft.

It is expected that the candidate will have experience in performing on stage and an ability to work collaboratively.

A Drama Scholarship recipient is expected to make a significant contribution to the Performing Arts life of St John's Grammar School, and act as a mentor and leader to their peers in both the classroom and as part of Extra Curricular Groups such the Whole School Musical, Cabaret, Drama Club, and/or in an off-stage capacity as a designer or in technical support.

A successful Drama Scholarship student will be expected to:

- Undertake Drama as a curriculum choice from Years 7-12
- Participate in at least two major ensembles or Drama productions
- Represent the Performing Arts Department on special occasions as required
- Demonstrate a passion and love of performance, theatre and its crafts

Application and Audition Process

Application forms must be completed and submitted prior to the closing date. Short-listed candidates will subsequently be invited to attend

an audition and interview, during which, candidates are required to fulfill the following:

On-stage candidates

- A monologue performance of their own choosing, approximately 5 minutes in length
- Demonstration of other performance skills such as singing, dancing or playing a musical instrument, 2 – 5 minutes in length
- A short interview with the Scholarship Panel

Off-stage candidates

- Present a display of past works (set, costume, lighting or audio designs, photos and videos)
- Demonstration of other performance skills (if applicable)
- A short interview with the Scholarship Panel

Minimum Performance Standard Requirements

For a candidate to be eligible for a scholarship they must display excellence and/or potential within the Performing Arts by presenting:

- A focused and confident performance demonstrating appropriate language, stage skills and an understanding of the character presented
- A portfolio of work including any plays, performances, musicals within or outside of school that the student has been involved in such as plays, musicals, Pelican Productions, Theatre Bugs, special interests or passions.
- Other performance skills if applicable; performing a piece of music on an instrument, singing, dancing or present a creative folio.

Useful Information

- Scholarship applications for 2025 entry close on Wednesday 31 January 2024.
- Shortlisted candidates will be contacted to be informed of the audition date and time.
- Candidates are advised to arrive at least 15 minutes early on the day of audition.
- Candidates are encouraged to perform a repertoire that best displays their dramatic, musical and technical ability, and a high level of interpretive skill.
- Students may like to bring copies of certificates, school reports, practical reports, school reference from either a Principal or teacher, or a performance portfolio for the interview.

Please return the application form and accompanying documentation by post or email, by the closing date of Wednesday 31 January 2024 to:

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