This course will introduce students to the skills, techniques and conventions of dramatic storytelling, improvisation, enactment and play building.

Drama 1AB
Stage 1 Drama offers students the chance to explore the exciting world of drama and present drama performances. Through a range of school-based and public drama performance projects, students can develop their voice and movement skills and will understand how costumes, props and hairstyles can enhance performance and create character. They will also have the opportunity to use technologies such as lighting and sound. The course features a significant amount of practical learning and assessment tasks but students are also required to complete written analyses and research tasks and write play scripts for their own performances.

Students with Drama experience display improved public speaking, interpersonal and intrapersonal skills. Planning, writing and directing Drama projects also enhances the student's written communication, planning and organising and teamwork skills.

Recommended background
To be successful in Stage 1 Drama, students should have achieved a C grade in Year 10 English.

Commitment
Students will be required to complete approximately 1 hour of homework/study per week to be successful in this course. For production tasks, students may need to commit to extra rehearsals and/or performances out of class time.

Course Content
During this course students will:
∞ Develop the ability to adjust verbal and non-verbal language skills to present character, engage an audience and suit a performance context;
∞ Plan, write, rehearse and present original and/or pre-scripted narrative plays to a range of audience types;
∞ Explore and compare various current and past drama styles and forms that are popular in Australia and in other cultures/countries;
∞ Use technology such as lighting, sound and multimedia to enhance performances;
∞ Adopt a variety of roles including actor, playwright, director and designer in small group and whole-class performances;
∞ Employ and interpret Drama-specific terminology, codes and conventions; and
∞ Explore basic legal and ethical issues relating to the creation and performance of Drama.

Delivery
Drama will generally be delivered as:
∞ Year 11 - Drama 1A plus a whole school production;
∞ Year 12 - Drama 1B plus a whole school production.