Redcliffe State High School
Drama Excellence Program

Centre of Artistic Development (CAD) - Drama
Prospectus & Application 2017
Testimonials

“I had always had an interest in performing, but never really gave it a proper go until I joined the POE Drama program. It soon became my favourite class. I loved reading plays and studying scripts, realising that there is far more to acting than memorising a piece of text. I developed a passion for performing and have continued to nurture that love since graduating, fostering it into a career. Some of my acting highlights include: Representing Australia at the World Championships of Performing Arts and studying at the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts on a scholarship. In 2015 I graduated from QUT with a Bachelor of Creative Industries, majoring in Drama. I’ve also performed in various theatre productions and IMDB credited films. I am so grateful that the Drama Excellence Program opened my eyes to an art form I would come to love.”

Aimee Duroux - CAD Graduate 2011

“I joined the Drama Excellence class in 2009, and it is still one of the best decisions I ever made. I learnt so much about the many components of the dramatic arts thanks to the fantastic teachers that the Program of Excellence provides. This program, as well as the Centre of Artistic Development - Drama (a program for senior students), gave me a lot of the preparation I needed to take on the world of professional acting and touring. My greatest achievement so far has been playing the lead role in Jally Entertainment’s touring production of Gallipoli. I have been all around Australia with the show which has been an amazing experience. I also performed in a One Man Show at the Adelaide Fringe Festival with the company in April 2016. The Drama Excellence Program is the perfect opportunity to improve your skills, develop your craft and meet some fantastic people.”

Dale Shearman - CAD Graduate 2012
An enrichment program for senior students pursuing excellence in Drama

The purpose of our program

The CAD program provides an opportunity for students with dedication, understanding and aptitude to investigate and pursue excellence in Drama. The course is designed to encourage students with a keen interest to strive for quality in the Performing Arts area of Drama. The course activities and projects are integrated with a central and consistent focus to allow students to excel.

Aims

The program aims to:

• offer senior students who are gifted and talented in the area of Drama an extended performing arts curriculum
• develop the students’ personal and professional skills and attitudes to enable them to achieve their potential
• provide students with the opportunity to extend their personal and performance development through a wide variety of workshops and performance activities
• encourage and promote links between the school, the community and Performing Arts industry by the use of professional personnel and through performance activities
• to facilitate the transition into (highly competitive and often limited) Arts related Tertiary positions which require both audition and OP are prerequisites for entry

Having graduated from the CAD course at Redcliffe SHS, students should find they are more prepared to apply for tertiary studies in the Performing Arts. Central to our philosophy is the notion that we aim to provide students with a strong educational base in Drama: we do not try to fulfill the role of a training centre.
Course of Study

Students are eligible for an OP (if chosen electives are authority subjects)

CAD Students Study:
- English (authority to be OP eligible)
- Authority Drama
- Drama in Practice (CAD extension sessions and production work will cover the requirements of this course - potentially allowing students to access a spare line in their weekly timetabled lessons)
- PLUS 3-4 electives of students’ choice

CAD Extension Sessions & Drama in Practice class - Wednesday’s 1.30 - 4.30 pm

CAD sessions are timetabled outside of normal school hours and are a compulsory part of the course. It is during this time that students complete the course requirements for the QCAA subject Drama in Practice. In this subject students work on project/performance work, participate in workshops with industry professionals and attend professional theatre performances.

Drama in Practice is an Authority-registered subject and contributes four credits towards the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) when successfully completed.

Pathways Beyond Year 12

Past students have enrolled in a variety of courses including:
- Bachelor of Creative Arts - Acting
- Bachelor of Fine Arts - Technical Production
- Advanced Diploma of Arts (Acting)
- Bachelor of Creative Industries - Drama
- Bachelor of Creative Industries - Film and Media
- Bachelor of Education - Drama
- Diploma of Live Production, Theatre & Events - specialising in Sound Engineering
- Traineeship with Queensland Theatre Company
Selection Process

The following criteria will be considered for entry into the CAD Program.

- Keen interest in Drama
- Ability to excel in Drama (minimum B in Drama in Year 10)
- Ability to work effectively as part of a group
- The manner in which they attempt tasks with which they are unfamiliar
- Willingness to accept challenges
- Moderate literacy skills (ideally a minimum B in English in Year 10)
- Leadership qualities
- Reasons for wanting to be part of the program
- Commitment to the program as a priority decision

Cost

Students involved in the CAD Program will be charged a levy that will include the following expenses:

- Drama Camp
- Excursions to the Theatre (5 productions) & Transport
- CAD Shirt
- CAD Production project levy (hiring artists, equipment & production costs)

The levy cost in 2017 will be approximately $750.00 (per annum)
Please note: this levy is subject to change
Application Requirements

There are several steps to follow when applying for acceptance into the Centre of Artistic Development Drama Course. Selection is limited and no pre-requisite subjects are necessary. A panel will decide selection and no correspondence will be entered into after the decision has been made.

The selection process requires the following:-

1. The attached application form is to be submitted directly to Miss Trish Johnson (HOD Creative Industries - W block staffroom)

Applications are to be submitted to Miss Trish Johnson, by Friday 19th August 2016.

2. Attend the audition at Redcliffe SHS
   - Wednesday 24th August 2016.
   - The Bird’s Nest Theatre - Western Campus Redcliffe SHS
   - Workshops in Drama will be conducted during this time, as well as activities in English. This will also be a time of getting to know each other and the requirements and expectations of the course.

4. Students are also required to prepare an audition piece of approx. 3-5 minutes in length (see attached)

After the auditions, you will be notified by mail, at your home address.

Need more information?

Please contact Miss Trish Johnson
HOD Creative Industries
Email: tjohn375@eq.edu.au
Phone: 3897 1192
Centre of Artistic Development - CAD

Application Form

Please complete all sections in CLEAR PRINT
Closing Date for applications Friday 19th August 2016.

Surname: ....................................................................................................................
Given Names: ...........................................................................................................
Preferred Name: ....................................................................................................
Date of Birth: ....../...../........
Home Address: ......................................................................................................
Postal Address: ......................................................................................................
Parents/Guardians Names: ....................................................................................
Parent contact details:
Home:.............................................................................. Work: ........................................
Mobile: ................................................................................................................
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CERTIFICATION
We certify that all the information contained in this application and any accompanying documents is correct and complete. We understand that provision of misleading information may lead to cancellation of the application.

Signed ___________________________ Date: / /
(Applicant)

Witnessed __________________________ Date / /
(Parent/Caregiver)

NOTE: Participation in an Excellence Program guarantees enrolment at Redcliffe SHS
IMPORTANT: If you are not a current student of Redcliffe SHS all applications must be forwarded to the RSHS office together with a completed school enrolment form and any other and any other documentation required by RSHS Enrolment Management Plan.