



Rangi Ruru
Girls' School

Whakaari | Drama
Programme of Learning
2025

Welcome to Year 7 Whakaari Drama for 2025, and an exciting semester of learning. Your course will take place over two terms for two periods per week. The course is planned to provide you with an opportunity to balance learning about a theatre form, learning about performance, and performing. The course also provides you with many opportunities to achieve success on and off stage.

Te toi whakairo, ka ihiihi, ka wehiwehi, ka aweawe te ao katoa

Artistic excellence makes the world sit up in wonder

Whiria te tāngata

Weave people together

In Year 7 Drama, students will immerse themselves in creative expression through performance, with a focus on Ihi, Wehi, and Wana—Māori concepts that bring a deeper understanding of energy, emotion, and connection.

In Year 7 Drama, students will develop teamwork and a sense of belonging through collaborative games and play, harnessing Ihi—the positive energy sparked by their actions and interactions. The emotional reactions that arise from this energy will lead to Wehi, a sense of awe and excitement that fuels their creative process.

Both years 7 and 8 will come together for the annual ShowQuest Performing Arts competition, where they will showcase their talents, creativity, and the vibrant energy of Ihi, Wehi, and Wana. Through drama and dance, students will build confidence, foster cultural awareness, and celebrate the power of artistic expression.



What will I learn in Drama this year?

We will build your understanding of drama-specific vocabulary to assist you in reflecting on yourself, your classwork and your performance. We will research a theatre form and use that knowledge to create work and perform in the style of the theatre form. You will regularly perform in front of each to assist you in becoming more confident with performing, as well as giving and taking useful feedback to improve your practise.

Many skills and dispositions reflective of the **Rangi Graduate** and **Rangi Values** are developed that are crucial for performers, and these form the basis of teaching and learning in the course:

- **Confidence, self-belief and resilience:** Every performance is a risk. Successful performers embrace this and, while demonstrating **Rikarika | Endeavour** and striving for their best, accept that there is no such thing as a 'perfect' performance.
- **Creativity:** Drama is a creative pursuit. In senior Drama classes, you really begin to develop your own voice and style as a performer and creator. Being true to your own voice is a demonstration of **Tika | Integrity**.
- **Self-management:** motivating and organising yourself to consistently rehearse, memorise lines and create characters. Preparing for performance and creating original works are processes that require **Rikarika | Endeavour**, and consistent time over a sustained period.
- **Collaboration, empathy and connectedness:** Creating theatre is a collaborative process. There are many opportunities to share and be inspired by the other members of the class and wider Rangi whānau. **Aroha, Whakaute | Respect** and **Manaakitanga | Generosity of Spirit** are all crucial to the successful functioning of this whānau.

What sorts of things will I do?

- Accept and use offers on stage in an improvised setting.
- Supporting classmates on and off stage.
- Learn about the theatre form of Clowning.
- Learn skills relating to Clowning, such as juggling and mime.
- Rehearse and perform Clowning scenes as a class.
- Work in groups to create Devised performances based on Māori myths and legends.
- Perform a class play to an audience.
- Give and receive feedback on performance and apply it to your work.

How will my work be assessed?

Assessment for learning is an ongoing process of self-reflection throughout the course. We encourage students to give themselves positive and next-step feedback in order to improve on their craft.

If you have any questions about the course and/or assessment please contact your classroom teacher or Head of Learning Area, Theatre Arts, Miss Cope.

Belong. Be You. Be Your Best.

Enjoy your learning in Whakaari | Drama!