



Dear St Joseph's Families,

I am excited to share that group Speech and Drama lessons will once again be available for St Joseph's students in 2026. Classes will run Monday to Friday between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Final lesson days and times for each year level will be confirmed in consultation with classroom teachers early in the new school year.



Students from Prep to Year 6 will have the opportunity to participate in the "Brisbane Drama Festival" and the "Enoggera Eisteddfod". They will also be encouraged to showcase their developing skills in various school concerts and events. Throughout the year, lessons will include engaging activities such as relaxed classroom presentations and performances designed to build confidence and communication skills.

In line with the CSPT (Communication, Speech and Performance Teachers Inc.) fee schedule, each one-hour lesson is \$17.00 per student, per week. A 5% discount applies for siblings enrolled.

If you would like to enrol your child, please complete the attached form and email it directly to me or drop it to the school office. Once the class timetable is finalised in early 2026, I will be in touch with confirmation of your child's lesson time.

I look forward to another fun, creative and rewarding year of Speech and Drama.

Warm Regards
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Speech and drama activities offer a wide range of benefits for children, fostering growth in many essential areas of development.

#### **Increased Self-Confidence**

Engaging in speech and drama helps children build confidence both inside and outside the classroom. Performing in front of others, even in small groups, allows them to develop self-assurance that carries over into daily life. Skills such as articulation, projection, and presence on stage often lead to increased confidence when communicating in any setting.

## **Development of Creative and Analytical Thinking**

Drama encourages children to think creatively and critically. As they explore characters and storytelling, they interpret ideas, explore different perspectives, and solve problems through performance. This nurtures flexible thinking and the ability to approach challenges with imagination.

#### **Enhanced Social Interaction and Collaboration**

Drama is a highly collaborative artform. Whether working together on a play, improvising as a group, or offering peer feedback, children strengthen communication, empathy, and cooperation. They learn the value of teamwork and supporting one another to achieve a shared goal.

## Improved Reading, Literacy, and Public Speaking Skills

Through reading scripts, learning lines, and performing aloud, students develop stronger literacy skills and clearer spoken expression. Regular opportunities to speak to an audience help reduce anxiety around public speaking while improving articulation, fluency, and confidence.

# St Joseph's Speech & Drama 2026

Name of Student:
Year Level In 2026:
Name of Parents/Care Givers:
Contact Phone Numbers:
E-mail Addresses (please print clearly as this will be the primary method of communication):
Times not suitable due to other commitments (music classes etc):
Are there any health conditions or extra information about your child that you would like to confidentially share with me (asthma, reading glasses etc)?

Are you happy for photos/videos to be taken in class and e-mailed home to the families of the class? These will not be publicly published anywhere. It is expected that they will not be shared or copied by families who receive them in line with the "St Joseph's Social Media Policy".

## **YES or NO**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact

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