

# DISCOVER DRAMA AT GIRTON



*“Productions have been one of the most rewarding things I’ve ever done at Girton. I can honestly say that we have one of the most supportive and dedicated Performing Arts Departments that I’ve ever heard of. There are no words to describe how thankful I am to have such an amazing opportunity to take part in Girton’s Productions. I cannot encourage other students enough to take a chance, believe in yourself, and have the time of your life”*

GRACE PHILLIPS, “MRS POTTS”,  
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, 2016.

Girton Grammar School has a rich and enduring culture in the Performing Arts and Drama is a part of every student's life from Prep up until Year 9. Beyond Year 9, students can choose specialised drama electives, including VCE Theatre Studies and VCE Drama.

Within an artistically inspired atmosphere, Girton students quickly develop a sense of confidence and an avenue for creative expression that weaves its way through all parts of school and home life.

Drama provides an outlet for the safe and genuine creative expression of the mind, body and spirit.



*“It’s crazy and wonderful to think that the fun I had in my drama classes and school productions is now what I’ve decided to do with my life”.*

EMILY HAVEA, NIDA GRADUATE  
AND 2009 GIRTON GRADUATE



## THE PROGRAM

The Girton Grammar drama program provides students with an education in all aspects of drama, theatre production and performance. Through specialist trained teachers, rigorous curriculum content and a range of field trips to experience professional theatre here and abroad, students are immersed in the Performing Arts industry in Bendigo, Australia and the world.

The Drama subjects in the senior years sit alongside a huge array of co-curricular Drama opportunities in both the Junior School and Senior School.

Facilities include a Performing Arts building with a fully equipped and much-loved “Black Box” theatre, a number of private music tuition rooms, plus a dance studio. The Junior School Hall is magically transformed into a theatre with the full suite of professional sound and lighting equipment, to give every student a taste of the big time!

Every year there are grand-scale theatre productions, performed at Bendigo’s renowned Ulumburra or Capital Theatres, giving students a “real-life” opportunity to experience a professional theatre environment.



*“I believe Girton is the premier school in Bendigo for Performing Arts courses and co-curricular opportunities with amazing rooms, spaces and staff available to assist with the growth of each student involved,”*

LACHLAN GEARY, A+ THEATRE STUDIES  
GRADUATE 2015 AND “TOP CLASS”  
PERFORMER AT MELBOURNE ARTS CENTRE.



## PERFORMANCES

Performance opportunities are the best way to develop confidence and presentation skills in students. On stage is where the real magic happens.

With Bendigo's largest Performing Arts program, there is a creative opportunity for every student. From Prep through to Year 12 students are given several opportunities each year to perform. This includes our Junior and Senior School Productions, Year 8 Production as well as the "End of Year Spectacular".

Learning is hands-on in Drama, with students writing scripts; designing costumes; creating sets and stage lighting; participating in specialist workshops; and experiencing the satisfaction of collaborating with peers and the thrill of a performance to be proud of, always.



*“Girton’s Performing Arts program allows theatre students to realise their creative vision on a scale of professionalism, independence and sheer quality that rivals professional theatre companies. The experience given to our class in design and directing were invaluable, and as a reviewer I’m always eager to come back to sit in awe of what they create!”*

HOLI WALSH, GIRTON GRAMMAR DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES STUDENT 2015,  
RMIT UNIVERSITY STUDENT AND THEATRE REVIEWER.

## VCE RESULTS

Drama productions and other public performance opportunities have opened many doors to professional arts careers for past students as playwrights, directors, set designers and actor's as well as careers in backstage and theatre technician roles.

In VCE Theatre Studies and Drama, Girton Grammar students achieve a consistent level of excellence with many students performing in the VCAA Season of Excellence "Top Class" performances, for outstanding VCE results.



## 2016 DRAMA CALENDAR

Date	Performance	Time	Location
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### TERM ONE

Thu 17 March	The One Act Play Festival	6:30pm	Blackbox Theatre
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### TERM TWO

Thu 12 May	VCE Drama Ensembles & Unit 1/2 Theatre Studies Production	5:30pm	Blackbox Theatre
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Wed 15, Thu 16 & Fri 17 June	Senior School Production: "Beauty and The Beast"	7:00pm	Ulumburra Theatre
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### TERM THREE

Thu 28 June	Performing Arts Scholarship Auditions	3:45pm	Blackbox Theatre
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Thu 18 August	Performing Arts Showcase	6:00pm	Blackbox Theatre
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Wed 24 August	Performing Arts Excursion: 'Matilda'	1:00pm	The Princess Theatre
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Tues 30, Wed 31 August & Thu 1 September	Year 8 Production: 'Shrek'	7:00pm	John E. Higgs Hall
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### TERM FOUR

Thu 6 October	VCE Drama Solos & Theatre Studies Monologues Evening	5:30pm	Blackbox
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Tues 18, Wed 19 & Thu 20 October	Junior School Production: 'Suessical'	7:00pm	Capital Theatre
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Thu 1 December	Speech Night: End of Year Spectacular	6:00pm	Bendigo Stadium
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