Subject Outline:
Students studying Senior Drama will be working from the 2013 senior syllabus and work program. Drama explores dramatic forms and styles, and the ways they are used to express and communicate human experience in different cultures, times and places. Students will use and develop creativity, thinking skills and technical understandings about drama to imagine and explore behaviour, relationships, emotions and beliefs in different situations and contexts.

Contributes to OP: Yes

Assessment Outline:
Drama has three important aspects: creating drama, presenting drama as an actor, and critiquing drama performances. Practical work is the focus when presenting drama as an actor, and demonstrating drama students have formed and created. Non-practical work is the focus when critiquing drama performances, and producing written and spoken presentations of drama students have formed and created.

Career Pathways:
A course of study in Drama can contribute 4 credits towards the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), and can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of theatre, the broader arts industry and education.

Potential Activities:
Students will use knowledge, understanding and skills learnt to: create drama in different forms and styles to communicate ideas; present drama performances to live audiences; critique performances by professional companies. To build knowledge, understandings and skills across each of these aspects, students will learn about elements of drama, skills of drama and the conventions of a variety of dramatic forms and styles, including Realism.

Costs:
Through the resource hire scheme, students have access to the required resources. However, theatre performances are an integral part of the program and students will be required to attend performances as part of the program of study (both during and outside school hours). Costs will vary from approximately $15.00 to $80.00, depending on availability, suitability, travel and the location of the venue.

Student Requirements:
Drama is highly practical and academic. Drama is LABOUR INTENSIVE and thus for some units, rehearsal outside of formal learning hours will be required. Students must display a genuine willingness to explore issues and dramatic art form and must be prepared to perform to an audience of both their peers and/or public. A high degree of focus, commitment and dedication are required to complete all tasks.

Vocational Relevance:
The study of Drama is relevant to careers related to: Performing Arts Industry. (Acting, Directing, Designing, Managing, Teaching), The Legal Profession, Hospitality Industry, all Service Industries, Education and Human Resources. Any Industry in which a person is required to: communicate with a range of people, work in groups, as a part of a team, or with the public.