

**Varsity College
Year 8 Drama - Semester 1, 2023**

Week	Date	Topics	Assessment
1	23-27 January Australia Day PH - Thurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intro to Drama Welcome and get to know you games and drama activities 	
2	30 Jan – 3 Feb Swimming Carnival - Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intro to Improvisation Improvising – understanding the skills and qualities Accepting, rejecting, modifying offers 	
3	6-10 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elements of drama – define and link to dramatic meaning Voice (Pitch, volume, pace) movement Basics of stagecraft (blocking, set) 	
4	13-17 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theatre sports Improvisation in varied forms 	
5	20-24 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the spot improv 	
6	27 Feb – 3 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intro to devising Using improvisation to devise performance Understanding the devising process 	
7	6-10 March GIPSA - Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working from a stimulus Forming groups and ideas for devised piece Peer feedback – understanding how to provide feedback to peers 	
8	13-17 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehearse and review Teacher conferencing Dress rehearsal 	
9	20-24 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group performances 	Performance L2 & L3
10	27-31 March Cross Country - Thurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance review Consolidate drama learning through games 	
School Holidays: Saturday April 1 – Sunday April 16			
1	17-21 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher in role to begin - distribute role information to students Whole class improvisations, freeze frames and thought tracking Element of Drama Focus: Role, Tension, Mood, Relationship 	
2	24-28 April ANZAC Day PH - Tues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute assessment task (ticket) Non-Linear Storytelling: Episodic Structure Reinforcing 'status' 	
3	1-5 May Labour Day PH - Monday GIPSA - Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critical thinking, character building and exploration of the story Use of improvisation and role-play 	
4	8-12 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experimenting with role and tension 	
5	15-19 May GIPSA - Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of improvisation skills Submission of Project Part A (Town Meeting) 	Project Part A L3
6	22-26 May GIPSA - Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflection tasks 	
7	29 May – 2 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The body Reflection upon 'evidence' 	
8	5-9 June GIPSA - Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The court hearing (judgement and verdict) Culmination of reflection tasks Drafting written response 	
9	12-16 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of Project Part B 	Project Part B L3
10	19-23 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidation activities 	
School Holidays: Saturday June 24 – Sunday July 9			