

DRAMA KIDS ROTORUA
Drama & Speech Classes 2024



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for choosing to enrol your child in Drama classes for 2024.

Classes are invoiced every **eight** lessons for **four** semesters. These dates may vary from school terms, but follow the same school holiday breaks. Please note, classes do not run during the school holidays, unless you wish to book additional private exam tuition.

The first classes for 2024 will be held in the week beginning **Monday 5 February 2024**.

After-school classes will be held at my home studio in 2024 - **28 Kipling Crescent, Ōwhata** (through the gate to the right side of the house). Friday JPC classes are held in the Drama Suite at **John Paul College** for the students during school time.

Fees for 2024 are as follows –

Speech & Drama	Age / Year Level	Duration	Fees per Semester
Pre-Grade	Age 6-8 / Year 1-3	30mins	\$120 (inc GST)
Grade Initial to 4	Age 7-13 / Year 4-8	1 hour	\$185 (inc GST)
Grade 5	Age 12-14 / Year 9	1 hour	\$195 (inc GST)
Grade 6	Age 13-15 / Year 10	1 hour	\$205 (inc GST)
Grade 7	Age 14-17 / Year 11-12	1 hour	\$215 (inc GST)
Grade 8	Age 15-18 / Year 12-13	1 hour	\$225 (inc GST)
ASB/ATCL Diploma	Age 16+ / Year 13+	1 hour	\$235 (inc GST)
Drama Club (no exams or competitions)			
Little Stars	Age 5-7 / Year 0-2	30mins	\$110 (inc GST)
Junior	Age 7-11 / Year 3-6	45mins	\$150 (inc GST)
Intermediate	Age 10-14 / Year 7-9	45mins	\$160 (inc GST)
Senior	Age 13+ / Year 10+	1 hour	\$190 (inc GST)

A \$50 deposit is required to secure your children's place in a class for 2024. This will be credited towards your first semester's fees. If you choose to withdraw your child from classes before the first session you must give at least 21 days' notice for this deposit to be refunded.

- Please ensure your child brings a Clear File to class each week to contain physical copies of their scripts and notices.
- Speech and Drama practice should be a regular part of your child's homework routine. Encourage your child to memorise lines, do voice warm-ups, prepare, and practice their pieces at home on a regular basis.
- From 2024, I am trialling the use of Google Drive/Google Classroom for sharing notices, theory and warm-up booklets, copies of scripts and specific feedback on your child's progress in class. This will be for Speech & Drama students only at this stage.

Exam and Competition fees are extra. *Speech New Zealand* exams are available in the 2nd week of Term 2, 3 and 4 or via Zoom in the last week of each month. **Rotorua Competitions will be held on 22-23 June 2024 (Term 2 Week 8). Please mark these dates in your calendar – especially if you are planning holidays.**

Regards,

Jennifer Wicks, Drama Kids Rotorua

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TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT 2024 – Drama Kids Rotorua

1. A \$50 deposit is required to secure your child's place in a class for 2024. This will be credited towards your first semester's fees. If you choose to withdraw your child from classes before the first session you must give 21 days' notice for this deposit to be refunded.
2. Unless otherwise arranged with the teacher, term fees are paid in advance by the commencement of each 8-week Semester. An invoice will be sent at the previous Semester's end. Charges will be held valid if 4 weeks' notice of removal is not given. There will be no refund given if a student fails to attend or withdraws through the semester.
3. Interest will be charged on overdue accounts at a rate of \$10 per month unless otherwise arranged with the teacher and any expenses, costs and disbursements incurred by the teacher in recovering any outstanding monies including debt collection agency fees or solicitor costs shall be paid by the customer.
4. An Automatic Payment option can be set up weekly/fortnightly into the Drama Kids account. This will incur a \$20.00 annual fee to cover admin and set up costs. Bank a/c details are: 12-3192-0014004-37 Drama Kids Rotorua (via Hnry)
5. Classes are invoiced every 8 lessons for a total of four semesters. It is expected that all students enrolled for a full year will receive a minimum of 32 lessons, and most will receive additional lessons free of charge in the final school term.
6. In the event of a teacher being unavailable to attend (due to illness, public holidays, etc) the 8-week semester will be adjusted and invoicing for the next semester will be adjusted accordingly. Lessons missed by the student are not refunded but can be made up at the discretion of the teacher by joining a different class or sending material remotely for teacher feedback.
7. 4 weeks' notice minimum is required if your child wishes to withdraw from any speech class. No refund will be given to students who withdraw without this notice. Fees for the following Semester will be held valid if this notice is not given.
8. New students are entitled to a refund of their fees if they decide after 2 classes that they do not want to continue - provided fees are paid up front on day 1, ie not by automatic payment. After 2 classes, no refund will be given if the student withdraws.
9. Tuition may be ceased if these terms and conditions or reasonable conduct is not observed by the student or parents. There will be no refund of tuition fees if stopped due to a breach.



About Classes 2024

Pre Grade (6-8 years)

This class is for students who already have some Drama experience and would like to challenge themselves with more focussed study of the Speech and Drama skills alongside their skill-based games. Students will prepare and memorise a poem, learn basic mime and improvisation skills, and work together on a group play. Pre Grade students may enter the Speech and Drama Competitions if they wish.

Speech and Drama (8+ years)

Speech and Drama classes work towards the Rotorua Speech Competitions and the Trinity and/or Speech NZ examinations. Classes begin at Initial level and run right through to Grade 8 and then Diploma level. These classes cover a wide range of Speech and Drama skills including but not limited to public speaking, impromptu skills, characterisation, reading, poetry, and discussion skills. Higher grade classes also learn the theory behind Speech and Drama work.

Little Stars (5-8 years)

Little Stars classes are for pre-exam age students (Year 0 to 3) who want to explore the world of drama.

These classes will involve lots of drama games and activities to encourage confidence, teamwork, communication, problem solving, imagination, creativity and of course, fun.

Drama Club (8+ years)

Drama Club is for students who want to hone in on their acting skills without the pressure of exams and competitions. This is a relaxed class focussing on gaining acting skills, confidence, and teamwork through games, improvised acting and short scripted scenes. Senior classes will work more on refining and mastering their acting technique.