



## **Drama masterclass for Christ Church Grammar School students**

Throughout the week, Christ Church Grammar School Drama students participated in several theatre workshops led by talented guest practitioners.

Christ Church Grammar School Head of Drama Gregory Jones said the workshops offered a unique opportunity for students to delve into their internal and physical worlds, where bravery and vulnerability were encouraged.

"Our Drama program emphasises the importance of verbal and non-verbal communication, improvisation skills, and both group-devised and scripted performance. These workshops further enhance our students' abilities," he said.

During the week, industry professional Anna Brockway led the students on a journey to understand movement, ensemble performance, and bringing character motivations to life.

While Year 9 students delved into the quirky and captivating world of Commedia dell'Arte with master practitioner Shane McMullan from IntotheMask Theatre. The boys learned about this historical style of improvisational theatre that originated in Italy in the late Middle Ages and were enthralled by its energetic and entertaining essence.

Students also enjoyed time with tutors from the Big Hoo Haa, who introduced them to the art of improvisational comedy. They were taught the "yes, and..." improvisation game and the power of physicality in storytelling.

The final workshop was conducted by Dr Teresa Izzard, Artistic Director of Feet First Collective, who guided the students through a series of exercises to help them understand movement and ensemble performance.

Christ Church Grammar School Principal Alan Jones said creative learning experiences developed students' sense of self and provided a powerful means of nurturing each boy's imagination and individual expression.

"The Arts hold a special place in our hearts at Christ Church, and we are looking forward to the time when we can be in our future Performing Arts Centre, PERFORM," he said.

"It will be a place where creativity is celebrated through music, drama, dance, and oration, providing future students with a state-of-the-art facility to experience these enriching opportunities."

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