

Summary of Drama HSC examination specifications and assessment requirements from 2010

In December 2008, the Board of Studies approved changes to the examination specifications and assessment requirements for a number of courses. These changes will be implemented for the 2010 HSC cohort. Details of the Board's decisions are available on the Board's website at <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>

The HSC examination specifications and assessment requirements for Drama are outlined below.

Outline of HSC examination specifications

Written examination (40 marks)

A written examination of one hour and 30 minutes plus 5 minutes reading time.

Section/Part	Marks
<i>Section I – Australian Drama and Theatre</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">One extended response question, with an expected length of response of around six examination writing booklet pages (approximately 800 words).	20
<i>Section II – Studies in Drama and Theatre</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Seven extended response questionsStudents answer one question, with an expected length of response of around six examination writing booklet pages (approximately 800 words).	20
	40

Practical examination – Group Performance (30 marks)

Individual Project (30 marks)

Changes from current examination specifications

The expected length for the extended responses is included as a guide. It is presented as the approximate number of examination writing booklet pages (based on average-sized handwriting), and/or an approximate number of words. Students will not be penalised for responses of excess length: they may write less than or more than what is expected, and their responses will be marked on their merits.

Outline of internal assessment requirements

There will be three to five assessment tasks comprising the following components and weightings.

Component	Weighting
Making	40
Performing	30
Critically studying	30
	100

The assessment program must include workshop/practical activities to the value of 60%.