Speech lessons are offered to students from Year 6 to 12. For all girls there are three options, 3 students in a group, 2 in a group or individual lessons.

This course is designed to develop EVERYDAY communicative skills with an emphasis on listening and conversation, which will enrich a student’s personality and contribute to her social and intellectual growth.

A year’s course will include:

**LANGUAGE SKILLS** - this takes the form of impromptu or prepared talks. The aim is to develop exploration of ideas, questioning skills, planning and organization and spontaneous response.

**SPEECH EXERCISES** - tongue twisters improve flexibility in the formation of speech and improve clarity of communication.

**READING ALOUD** - there is a strong emphasis placed on this skill. The aim is to improve interpretation skills and response to text. Own choice of literature is encouraged as it is a springboard to motivate conversation/discussion. If a student has a weakness in this area, a private lesson for a semester is suggested.

**POETRY** - students are introduced to a wide selection of material, and this should produce a better understanding of how one shown interpret and read various forms. This proves to be especially beneficial for the older students.

**DRAMA** - this includes mime, improvisation, monologues and duos. There been an increasing number of students preparing trios, duos and monologues for Eisteddfods. This demands commitment, discipline and teamwork (for duos) and the results have been outstanding.

**EISTEDDFODS** - students are encouraged to enter the Parramatta Eisteddfod which is held in May/June of each year. The students have the opportunity of putting into practice the various skills they have learnt during class.

**A.M.E.B EXAM** - students are expected to prepare for a formal exam. This gives students a goal to work towards and they gain formal recognition of same by an outside body. This exam is held at Santa Sabina during November.

**TIMETABLES** - students may be concerned about missing a particular class. Each student is issued with a timetable which has each speech student’s name, lesson time, and telephone number. This enables students to make occasional changes.

If there are any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 9871 2310 (after 8.00pm) or on my mobile 0409 604 076.

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